



Callowell Primary School

Finance & Charging Policy

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity as part of the National Curriculum. However, we may ask for voluntary contributions towards costs of special provision.

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips;
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. Parents who receive state benefits maybe exempt from this charge. Although if we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways within school.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There may be a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2 and Yr 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of the pool and the life guard . We inform

parents when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the parents' written permission for their children to take part.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed yearly.

The governing body has reviewed and agreed this policy.

Signed: (Chair of Governors)

Date:

To be reviewed: February 2020