

# THE TEDDER C P SCHOOL

## POLICY STATEMENT ON CHARGING

### Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition. Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

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, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity as long as parental consent has been given.

If appropriate and funds allow, the school may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded.

### Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Extra-curricular clubs such as choir or recorder for example, are also without charge. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. This charge is paid termly directly to the Lincolnshire County Council Music Service which provides peripatetic music teachers to teach individuals or small group lessons on the school site or direct to an outside company. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Any additional music tuition provided in the form of an after school club and run by an outside agency will require fees to be paid by parents, for example guitar.

### Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all year groups of children. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum for Year 6. We take all year groups as the ability to swim is invaluable to enable children to experience all that life has to offer. We ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of transport to and from the pool, provision of a lifeguard/specialist teacher and hire of the pool itself. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and we ask for their written permission for their child to take part in these.

### Hot school meals

The school offers hot school meals provided by 'Carre's Grammar School. The cost is £2.35 per meal. Menus are sent out a week in advance for parents/pupils to choose which meal they would like to order. Payment and options must be returned to school by the previous week. Meals can not be cancelled on the day, as the food will already have been bought and prepared. If an absence is continuing for more than that one day, the remaining days can be cancelled and the hot meal credited.

### **Optional Extra Activities**

(Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education). It is the governors' policy to charge for such activities organised by the school. The basis for calculating the charge will be proportionate for each participating pupil for travel, board & lodging, materials, books, equipment, entrance fees and insurance.

### **Activities not run by the School or LA**

When an organisation acting independently of the school or LA arranges an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join the activity, such an organisation may charge parents.

### **Residential Visits**

The school organises an annual residential visit for Year 5/6 children. The cost of this trip includes board & lodging, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced. Transport can where possible be provided by parents.

The cost of this trip will be based on travel costs, entrance to sites, materials and charges for activities experienced. The governors' policy is for the school to cover the cost of any additional teacher time necessary to lead the trip or subsequent follow up work.

### **Charging in Kind**

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed for practical subjects such as food technology or DT is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients and materials if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards.

### **Breakages & Fines**

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- replacement reading or homework diaries
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behavior.

### **Special Needs**

The governing body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil. The school will take all reasonable steps to avoid putting children with special needs at a substantial disadvantage.

Review

There will be an annual review of this policy by the full governing body.

Adopted by the Governing Body

Reviewed: NOVEMBER 2018

Next Review: NOVEMBER 2019