

Mayfield CE Primary School

Charging Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips/visits or workshops 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.

2.2 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. The school provides this information on request.

2.3 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 abroad;
- Musical events.
- Professional swimming coach
- After School Clubs

3 Residential visits

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3.1 If the school organises a residential visit there will be a charge. The amount depends on the venue.

4 Music tuition

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

4.2 There is 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 from ESCC Music Service who 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 as and when it is offered.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time. There is no charge for using the pool at St Leonard's, Mayfield, but we have to pay for the swimming coach and therefore there is a small charge to parents for each lesson.

6 After School Clubs

6.1 The school offers additional clubs such as football/rugby/netball, dance, drama, recorders, guitar, etc. after school. For clubs that are taken by school teaching staff there is no charge. For clubs taken by School Teaching Assistants there will be a minimal charge to cover costs. Clubs that are run by outside providers usually make a charge.

7 School Coach Travel

7.1 We charge if children are transported by coach to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

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This policy is monitored by the Resources committee and will be reviewed annually.

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