

Sherrier C. E. Primary School

Charging Policy

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Main Values

Educational day visits and opportunities to enrich the curriculum are highly valued and play an important part in the life of Sherrier C. E. Primary School. We will strive to offer our children these opportunities and will use the following principles when offering them:

Guiding Principles

- The funding for these activities will be based on voluntary contributions from parents/carers.
- No child shall be excluded from these activities on the basis that their parents/carers cannot pay or choose not to pay.
- If insufficient funds are raised or available to cover the costs of the activity it will be explained to the parents/carers that it is not viable and that regrettably it has had to be cancelled. There will be a reminder on all letters to parents to remind them of this.
- The frequency, nature and cost of these activities will be planned carefully through the School's curriculum. Parents/carers will be informed of the topics that the children will cover in different year groups across the Key Stages. As part of this, information will be given about the planned day trips or residential visits so that parents/carers will have a clear idea as to when they will take place. This will provide parents/carers with the opportunity to budget for forthcoming activities.
- As part of the planning process, careful attention will be given to the frequency and cost of educational visits and sensitivity will be shown to the financial demands that the school is placing on parents/carers for voluntary contributions.
- Parents/carers should be given the opportunity to pay for visits in instalments where necessary.
- The contribution requested for these activities shall be the total cost divided by the number of pupils eligible to take part.
- Where a pupil is absent after paying for a trip, any pre-paid element of the cost, e.g. coach fare or pre-paid entry fees, will be non-returnable whilst any costs not already paid or committed will be refunded to parents.

Educational Day visits

Educational Day visits are funded by voluntary contributions and may occasionally be subsidised by the SPSSG. Families in receipt of free school meals will be asked for a voluntary contribution of 60% towards the cost of these activities. School will fund the remaining 40% of the cost.

Swimming

Swimming is part of the curriculum and lessons are held at Lutterworth Sports Centre. The school must pay for pool hire and qualified instruction and these costs are funded by voluntary contributions. Families in receipt of free school meals will be asked for a voluntary contribution of 60% of the total cost. School will fund the remaining 40% of the cost.

Theatre Groups, Puppet Shows etc

Occasionally the school arranges visits to school to enhance the curriculum e.g. Theatre groups, artists, puppet groups etc. The costs of these visits may be financed by voluntary contributions. Families in receipt of free school meals will be asked for a voluntary contribution of 60% of the cost. School will fund the remaining 40% of the cost.

Music Tuition

The school does not charge for music lessons provided in school as part of the curriculum. Instrument tuition is available, for which a charge is made, but there is no obligation for pupils to participate. The tuition is provided during school time or after school by music teachers who are employed privately by parents, and payment must be made directly to them.

Craft, technology, cooking, after-school clubs etc

There may occasionally be a small charge for cooking ingredients or for items of craft work and design technology and these costs are funded by voluntary contributions. There is no charge for after-school clubs run by school staff. Clubs run in school but organised by external providers do incur a charge but there is no obligation for pupils to participate.

Residential Visits

The school provides the opportunity to participate in residential visits from time to time but parents/carers are under no obligation to allow their children to participate. These visits are not provided to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum. Charges will be made to cover the cost of the trip. A non-returnable deposit may be charged in respect of residential visits. If a parent/carer wishes their child to participate, those in receipt of free school meals will be asked to fund 40% of the cost of the visit. School will fund the remaining 60% of the cost.

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