



Carden Primary School

Policy for Charging for School Activities

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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 individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary Contributions

- 2.1 When organizing school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. 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 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 sometimes organized 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 the theatre;
 - School trips abroad;
 - Musical events.

Parents in receipt of Free School Meals for their children are offered a 20% discount to assist with the cost of optional extra activities.

3 Residential Visits

- 3.1 The school may offer children in Upper Key Stage 2 a residential trip. In accordance with the DfE we **DO** charge for board and lodging on residential trips. Parents have the option to pay by installments to spread the total cost.

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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small

group lessons. Brighton and Hove Music Service make a charge for these lessons.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do ask for a voluntary contribution for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Extra-Curricular Clubs

- 6.1 The school organizes a wide variety of 'out of school hours' clubs. These are run by teachers, specialist coaches or people within the community. A charge is made for some of these clubs. Parents in receipt of Free School Meals may apply for a 20% reduction in cost of some extra-curricular activities.