



Broughton Moor Primary School Charging Policy 2016-2018

Introduction

At Broughton Moor Primary School all education during school hours (8.40 am – 3.15 pm) 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

Voluntary Contributions

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 the 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. The school provides this information on request.

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

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require travelling expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to or by a theatre company
- 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 make a charge to cover the costs of travel and accommodation. Charges will be made for, board and lodging, except for pupils whose parents are in receipt of Income Support, Income based Jobseeker's Allowance, Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit (with provisions) Guarantee element of State Pension Credit. The school will make appropriate financial arrangements with these parents.

In order to make up any shortfall in overall charges by the residential provider e.g. tuition, parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution. No child will be denied the opportunity of attending a residential if the parents do not wish to or cannot contribute voluntarily, however it is possible that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are received to cover the cost, the experience will not go ahead.

Music Curriculum

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

Music Tuition

There is a charge for individual or small group tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity and not part of the National Curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers teach these individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of the academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all the children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make a minimum weekly charge for transport 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.

Sport

Sports coaching e.g. netball and football. We do not charge for these sessions during school time.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

Signed: *Mr Paul Brotherhood*

Head Teacher 13th March 2016

Signed: *Mrs Margaret Wiltshire*

Chair of Governors 13th March 2016

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