

HOLLINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy on Charging

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. 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.

Parents will receive an initial letter giving details of the date, destination, duration and likely costs of visits which will take place during the academic year.

Voluntary contributions

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

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is having difficulty making the voluntary contribution, they should make an appointment to see the Headteacher or the Deputy Headteacher. Options will be discussed which may include contributions being made over a period of time. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

Residential visits

When the school undertakes a residential visit a charge will be made to cover transport, board and lodgings and additional activities undertaken during the visit. Should parents wish their child to be part of the residential trip but are experiencing difficulties meeting the payment required, they should contact school.

Music tuition

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

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 the Local Authority who make a charge for these lessons. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children whilst in Year 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

Football

The school offers additional football coaching at lunchtimes. A qualified FA coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

Monitoring and review

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

Signed:.....Headteacher

Signed:.....Prepared by

Signed:.....Governing Body

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