



Hollybush Primary School



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CHARGING POLICY

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Introduction

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.

Voluntary contributions

When organising 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 any 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 still allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. The school always subsidised the cost of an educational and often pays many of the 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 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.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging but we fund-raise throughout the year to subsidise these charges by at least 25%.

School minibus

We don't charge for transport on the school mini-bus at any time.



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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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 4. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge 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.

After School Clubs

The school offers additional after school activities each night of the week. These clubs are not part of the normal school day and often involve outside coaches. Whilst we heavily subsidise these activities the school makes a small charge of 50p for these sessions. Also due to the fact that these sessions are heavily subsidised we ask all coaching after school. A qualified FA coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.