

Pye Bank CE Primary School

Charging Policy



November 2016

1. Introduction

- 1.1. All education during school hours is free.
- 1.2. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of some individual or group tuition.
- 1.3. For some activities, however, we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers.

2. Voluntary Contributions

- 2.1. When organising school trips, visits or visitors which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity.
- 2.2. All contributions are voluntary.
- 2.3. We suggest by letter a figure for parents to contribute which is generally approximately 50% of the true cost. The balance is met from school allocated funding.
- 2.4. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions we may need to cancel an activity.
- 2.5. If an activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- 2.6. If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school visit or an event, but is unwilling or unable to make a contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the activity.
- 2.7. We never ask for extra contributions from parents in order to cover the costs of those who do not pay.
- 2.8. Parents have a right to know how each trip or other activity is funded. The school provides this information on request.

3. Residential Visits

- 3.1. 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 – though again we may ask for a voluntary contribution.
- 3.2. We do, however, charge to cover the cost of board and lodging.
- 3.3. We make every effort to keep this to a minimum.

Reporting on progress

This scheme will be reviewed annually and the main findings will be reported to the full governing body.

Written: November 2016

Next review: November 2017

Signed: _____ (Headteacher) Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Governor) Date: _____