

# Patcham Infant School



## Charging Policy

Our purpose, vision goals and values states that at Patcham Infant School:

**Our Purpose**  
To work with our diverse community empowering all children to dream without limits, embrace challenge and actively shape their own worlds for life-long learning.

**Our Goals**

- Outstanding outcomes through high quality learning and teaching
- Resilient, resourceful, reflective and collaborative children
- Engaged and respectful members of the community
- Nurturing, stimulating and enabling environments

**Our Vision**  
**We dream, we aspire, we thrive.**  
**Powerful learning for life.**

**Our Values**

- ❖ Children at the heart of all we do
- ❖ Growth Mindset
- ❖ Laughter, friendship and celebration
- ❖ Curiosity and innovation
- ❖ Equality and inclusion
- ❖ Emotional wellbeing
- ❖ Global responsibility
- ❖ Developing relationships – respect, trust and empathy

The infographic is set against a colorful background of a school building, a windmill, and a river. The school building is a two-story brick structure with a central entrance. The windmill is a traditional wooden structure with four sails. The river flows through the scene, with a bridge crossing it. The sky is blue with some clouds and a tall tower in the distance. The overall tone is bright and positive.

To support our vision we enrich the curriculum for all our pupils by arranging regular offsite visits to places of interest each term; some of these visits are at no cost to families. Our healthy, active school approach and culture for learning is supported by the running of our own forest school. Some of these activities require extra funding. In order to keep up this extent of provision we ask parents to make small voluntary contributions towards the costs.

Parents are also asked annually to make a voluntary contribution towards our School Fund. This covers the cost of theatre and music groups to entertain the children who we engage throughout

the year. From the School Fund we also pay for forest school resources, cookery ingredients and clay, from which the children make things to take home.

When asking for voluntary contributions for the above, it is our practice to request a certain sum. However, we are always mindful that some families who may be experiencing financial hardship (e.g. families who are in receipt of free school meals) may not be in a position to pay. Requests for payment are now through Parent Pay and although parents who do not pay are sent a request for permission to go on external trips we never pursue for payment if we are made aware of financial difficulties. As we ask for a “contribution” we accept that a few parents will pay less than the specified amount and some will pay nothing.

It has been agreed with the PTA that they contribute to the cost of a visitor for each year group annually in order to reduce costs to families.

In cases of hardship, no child will ever be denied a trip or any opportunity. Their contribution will be funded by the school. This is financed from our School Fund Account.

This policy will be monitored annually by the headteacher and reported to the Finance, Resources and Operations (FRO) FGB.

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