



Chantry Community Primary School

Charging

Policy

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1 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.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 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 differently from any others.
- 2.2 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 providing consent has been given by the parent. 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.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
 - outdoor wildlife activities;
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to the theatre;
 - literacy/art events;
 - musical events.
- 2.4 Wherever possible the school makes a small subsidy towards trips.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit the school asks the parents for voluntary contributions without which a residential trip would not be viable. The school is happy to provide help in obtaining grants from charitable organisations for financial assistance towards these trips.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 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. East Sussex Music Service make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits may be eligible for support with payments.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2, at Yr 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for the cost of the swimming but may ask for voluntary contributions for the cost of travel (to avoid the children walking). 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.

6. After School Clubs

- 6.1 Staff run a number of after school clubs on occasions there may be a small charge to cover the cost of materials i.e. cookery, gardening etc.
- 6.2 In answer to a questionnaire, there are many parents who would support after-school clubs for which they have to make a contribution. Where an outside agency provides a coach to run an after-school club, the cost is then passed on to the parents. Otherwise no fee is asked for children to participate in after-school clubs run by the school.

7. Request for Information

- 7.1 In line with our Freedom of Information document and Data Protection regulations we are happy to provide stakeholders with appropriate information. Much of this information is available on our school's website under 'School Information' / ' School Policies and Funding Reports'.

If the information you are looking for is not available via the scheme, you may still contact the school to ask if it is available. (We may have it but it may not be available due to data protection.)

Requests for this type of information should be made in writing to the Headteacher. We will however charge 10p per copy/sheet (to cover the costs involved). We will also charge the standard rate for postage (2nd class).

Signed(Chair of Governors) Date

Signed(Headteacher) Date