



William Law C E Primary School

Charging Policy

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This policy is written in line with the Christian values and ethos of our school

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1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we will 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 The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term `charges` which are considered to be an obligatory cost and `voluntary contributions` which are self-explanatory.

2.3 Subsidies from various sources e.g. School Fund, School Association, voluntary organisations, will be considered to cover deficits.

2.4 Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parent/carers to pay by instalments.

2.5 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. 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.

2.6 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;
- sporting activities;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- events brought into school to enrich e.g. Tudor Day, Author, Artist, Circus Skills, African Drumming etc
- school trips;
- musical events.
- transport

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit we make a charge for the travel expenses, board and lodging and the entrance fees and prices of activities. School will pay half from Pupil Premium income for those children who are entitled to receive free school meals. Residents of Werrington can apply to the Church Werrington Fund for assistance. Payment is required for a child to attend a residential visit.

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 small-group instrumental 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 Northamptonshire Music or private peripatetic music teachers and they make the charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition in May ready for the new academic year. For children who are entitled to receive free school meals, assistance can be provided from Pupil Premium income for those showing talent by the music co-ordinator if they wish to take my music lessons.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 4 and 5 and those in Year 6 who are unable to complete 25 metres. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity but we do ask for a contribution towards transport.

6 After School Sport and Creative Activities

6.1 The school offers additional activities after school. We reserve the right to make a charge for these sessions