

Christchurch Primary School



Charging Policy 2023-2024

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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

Voluntary Contributions

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 may cancel a trip. For a trip to go ahead, we may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution through finding funds from another source. We do not treat these children 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 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.

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:

- Any off site visits that require transport or entry costs ;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum and we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel expenses. Parents who receive state benefits are offered a reduced rate. When we have children with additional learning needs who may need

the support of an adult we seek to support their residential expenses through funds such as Pupil Deprivation Grant.

Use of Pupil Deprivation Grant

Where a child is entitled to free school meals, school trips, visits, residential or special events may be subsidised by the school using the Pupil; Deprivation Grant (PDG). No child will be disadvantaged from attending such an event due to affordability.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. The school pays the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

After School Clubs

The school offers additional clubs after school. A member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We do not charge for these sessions.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

Signed: H.Davies

Date: 15.7.22