

Brookside Primary School

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire



Charging Policy

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Principles

Brookside Primary School is committed to a free school education for all.

We Aim To:

- Ensure that education in school is free.
- Ensure that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- Ensure that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education but the school has the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- Ensure that the school has the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of activities organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

PRACTICES

With the aforementioned aims in mind, it is the Policy of this school:

- To continue to request voluntary contributions from parents towards activities organised by the school during school hours.
- The headteacher is willing to support the funding of certain activities through the school fund account. Subsidies may be available for children whose parents are unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution.
- If insufficient voluntary contributions are forthcoming for an activity and insufficient subsidies are available, then that activity may be cancelled.
- Optional trips wholly or mainly outside school hours will be charged at full cost. These visits may not proceed where full costs are not met by all those who wish to partake in the activity.
- This school may make charges for breakages and damage to property including window breakage and cost for graffiti removal.

Individual Instrumental Tuition

The cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition not part of normal LEA peripatetic provision.

Swimming

Donations requested from the parents towards the cost of the swimming. School is now charged for 2 swimming instructors, 2 lifeguards, hire of swimming pool and cost of the bus to transport the children. Current charge is £2 per child.

Trips

Each trip is subsidized by school fund and donations are requested from the parents. If a parent cannot afford to pay they need to speak to the Headteacher and discretion will be used.

All parents are given the option of paying by instalments with a payment card.

Remissions

The Governing Body may wish to remit part of the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.