

OAKDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Creating compelling learning indoor and outdoor opportunities is embedded from the Little Sycamores provision to Y6 at Oakdene Primary School. Adults create learning opportunities where children are engrossed in their learning. Whatever the purpose and focus of the learning opportunities, adults have thought about what will be the most compelling, exciting, energising and memorable way in which children can engage with this learning.

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

School Visits

When organising school visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school heavily subsidises school visits for all children through the use of Pupil Premium funding. We invite parents and carers of children to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. No child is excluded from an educational experience through financial reasons.

Music

As an Artsmark Platinum School all children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. We employ specialist Music Teachers to teach instruments such as the recorder and piano. There is no charge for this tuition. We pay music fees for exams and music festivals for all children.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Y3. These lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

After School Activities

The majority of After School Activities are free for all children. This changes on a termly basis. We pay for the Children's University passports to reward children for participating in extra-curricular provision. If a child completes a passport we pay for their next passport. If a child loses their passport we charge £5.00 for a new passport. Pupil premium are charged £3.00.

Charity Events and Sponsorship

Oakdene Primary School supports a number of charitable events through each academic year such as Unicef's Day for Change, Children in Need, Comic Relief, Poppy Day etc. We ensure that contributions are manageable and usually suggest £1 per child / family. All children are included in the events to commemorate the day. No child is excluded through inability to pay.

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Uniform

We signpost a range of uniform suppliers and school makes no profit on them. We regularly try to recycle unclaimed 'lost property' by holding the 'Great uniform Giveaway Events' for those experiencing financial difficulties. The Billingham Foodbank also supports families struggling to buy uniforms. Uniforms.

The school uses Early Years and Pupil premium budgets to support families to enable all children to be equipped for P. E. lessons.

The school has a strong commitment to outdoor learning throughout the whole school. Oakdene provides outdoor/waterproof clothing to enable all pupils to fully engage in our outdoor curriculum.

Book Bags and Water Bottles

These items are provided by school when a new pupil arrives at our school. We do charge if a child needs their book bag replacing.

Oakdene Stay and Play

The Nursery Teacher Mrs Guest organises nursery stay and play sessions on a weekly basis. There is no charge for this provision.

Christmas Party

All children are provided with a party tea at Christmas at no charge. [We traditionally ask for parents and carers to donate food but this has been reviewed due to the ongoing pandemic.](#)

Gifted and Talented Children

In our school we aim to provide a curriculum that is appropriate to the needs and abilities of all our children. We plan our teaching and learning in such a way that we enable each child to reach for the highest level of personal achievement. We support children who have been identified as gifted and talented by taking part in festivals and competitions with no charge. Some of the activities we attend are:

- Music Festivals
- Inter school Sporting Events

Equal Opportunities

We do not discriminate against anyone, be they staff or pupil, on the grounds of their sex, race, colour, religion, nationality, ethnic or national origins. This is in line with the 1976 Race Relations Act and covers both direct and indirect discrimination.

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Ongoing Pandemic

Please note due to the ongoing pandemic we constantly review whether it is safe to offer enrichment experiences. We will regularly review this in line with government and local Public Health advice.

Rights Respecting Schools

Children know they have a right to an education. All children should have access to an education that aims to develop their personality, talents and abilities to their fullest potential.