



Oakfield Primary School Charging Policy

2024-25

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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 may invite 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. 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 may require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.

4 Music tuition

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

4.2 Visiting music teachers may offer individual or small group music tuition at the school which is additional to the National Curriculum. We give parents information about availability of this facility at the start of each academic year and a charge is made for these lessons. Parents/Carers who receive specific state benefits are exempt from charges for music tuition – details will be provided at the time that tuition is offered.

5 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. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6 Out of School clubs and activities

The school offers a range of out-of-school clubs – and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision.

7 Childcare

Parents/Carers will be responsible for meeting full costs for childcare provided by school or by a partner working with school, including any transport costs for supervised transfer. Parents/Carers may be eligible for financial support towards childcare costs eg through Working Tax Credits. The school will aim to promote financially self-sustainable childcare with full regard to existing provision within the locality.

8 Transport to Extra-Curricular Activities

Parents/Carers may be charged to cover the transport expenses associated with an extra-curricular activity. Charges for transport will be strictly based on covering actual costs (as defined in legislation) with no profit element.

9 Loss of/ Damage to School Property

Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's misbehaviour.

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