

Oxford Gardens Primary School



CHARGING POLICY

September 2019

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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 which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites 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 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, or venue hiring;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- residential school trips;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 There is a Residential trip this year. The school invites 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.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons which is based on the cost to the school. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each

academic year. Parents/Carers are invited to make voluntary contributions to fund the cost of instrument repair and general maintenance.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 Swimming takes place for Year 3 at Kensington Sports Leisure Centre.

6 Additional Sports Coaching

- 6.1 Qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions.

7 Other Out of Hours Activities

- 7.1 We offer a range of clubs and out of school hours learning experiences. Some are free of charge and are organised by our Learning Mentors. To extend the variety of opportunities available to our children, we may arrange for additional specialists to manage out of hours learning activities. There is a charge for participation in these sessions, and payments vary depending on the activity. All payments must be made on a termly basis to secure a child's participation. Refunds are not issued for poor attendance or missed sessions. For the academic year 2019/20 we have extended opportunities to enable children to participate in different clubs.

8 Bus and Transport Charges

- 8.1 We normally charge children if they are transported in a minibus or coach to an off-site venue to participate in an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the transport, and not to make a profit.

9 Breakfast Club

- 9.1 Breakfast Club continues to be a service which is managed by the School. There is no charge for the Breakfast Club in the academic year 2019/20.

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