



We can and we will

GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy

Mission Statement:

At Glebe School we believe in an ethos that values the whole child.

We strive to enable all children to achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

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.

Voluntary Contributions:

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.

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 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:

- Visits to museums, historic sites and other places of interest.
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Trips to see plays, concerts, sporting events etc
- School trips
- Visits to school by theatre groups, musicians and individuals providing workshops on various subjects

School Lunches:

From September 2014 all pupils in KS1 and Reception receive a daily hot lunch with no charge to parents. Meals for KS2 Children are chargeable at £2.50 per day. Parents on low income, however, may apply for a free school meal if they can demonstrate they meet certain criteria.

Residential visits:

Our Year 6 pupils undertake a residential trip. We ask that parents contribute to the cost of this trip. The total cost of the trip will be calculated to include transport, lodgings, food, trips etc. This cost is then divided between the numbers of children attending. Payments are spread over approximately an 8 month period. Individual parents have the opportunity to discuss payments with the Head teacher if the cost is likely to be prohibitive. The school may be prepared to cover part of the total cost or consider other avenues of payment e.g. Mayor's grant. If there are insufficient numbers of pupils paying then the trip may have to be cancelled.

Music tuition:

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition that is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. There a range of providers who make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits may be able to claim a subsidy on this. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming:

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 5. 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.

Extended Schools:

Breakfast club is run by the school and Afterschool club is an external provider. Both clubs charge a fee for attendance and they must have advance notice of attendance.

The school offers a number of other after school and lunchtime clubs. Some of these are run by school staff and are free. Others are run by external providers who normally make a per lesson charge.

Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium:

The school receives Pupil Premium finding for any children who qualify for a free school meal or as a service family. From this funding, the school keeps a small fund to contribute to the cost of trips, music tuition etc. The school aims to ensure that

these children are not denied the opportunity to participate as a result of any financial restraint.

PTA Events:

The PTA organise a range of events throughout the year. Many of these do include a small charge e.g. school disco.

Policy Review:

This policy is reviewed regularly as part of our rolling programme of policy review and at other times if legislation or guidance changes.

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