

Tattershall Primary School Charging Policy

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.

The charges we set for activities are in accordance with the Local Authority's guidance on charging for activities in schools.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits that 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 need to 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 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.

The following is a list of additional activities organized 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;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events..

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit we do make a charge to cover the costs however if there is insufficient contributions the trip may be cancelled. Parents who receive Income Support, Disability Working Allowance or income-based Jobseekers Allowance may seek further advice with the Headteacher.

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 if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of Income Support, Disability Working Allowance or income-based Jobseekers Allowance are eligible to apply for the LA remission scheme. 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 Key Stage 2. These take place in school time. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons. We ask for voluntary contributions towards the additional costs of this activity

Hot School Meals/Milk

The school purchases hot school meals/milk for parents wishing their children to receive such meals/milk from a local contractor. A charge is made for these meals/milk payable weekly in advance.

Parents in receipt of Income Support, Disability Working Allowance or income-based Jobseekers Allowance are eligible to apply for free school meals.

Lettings

The does not have any current lettings. Should this situation change, the governors will seek guidance from LCC.