

Beaufront First School

Charging Policy

Version history

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 We do not charge for activities within the school day that are part of the National Curriculum.
- 1.2 However there are a small number of activities which enrich the school's curriculum. We find it necessary to seek voluntary contributions towards these activities.

2. Voluntary Contributions

- 2.1 The school invites parents to give voluntary contributions to cover the cost of certain valuable educational activities. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions to fund these activities, it may be necessary to withdraw or cancel the activity.
- 2.2 Where a parent is unable or unwilling to make a voluntary contribution a fully inclusive approach will be taken. Either, all children will take part, or the trip or activity will be cancelled. Alternative funding for those children whose parents cannot or choose not to pay will be sought.

2.3 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;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events;
- partnership events;

3. Residential visits

3.1 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 ask for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the visit.

As these residential visits are often expensive, a phased payment schedule will be offered to all parents. Where parents foresee a difficulty in paying for this trip, they are asked to contact the Headteacher as soon as possible and in confidence. School will strive to find funding to cover the costs of such a trip from another source. In the event that no such funding can be found, it will be necessary to cancel the trip for all children.

4. Music tuition

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

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teacher teaches individual or small group lessons outside of normal curriculum time. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5. Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do ask for voluntary contributions for this activity to cover the cost of swimming lessons and transport costs to and from the pool.

We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and the total cost of lessons and transport at the beginning of each term. A phased payment schedule is offered to collect the voluntary contributions for swimming.

6. Fruit

6.1 Children in our Reception and Class 1 receive free fruit daily as part of the Government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. The school organises the delivery of additional fruit for those children in Class 2 who are not entitled to free fruit as part of this scheme. Parents are charged a small annual fee if they wish their child to receive fruit daily from the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Parents are informed at the beginning of the school year of the fee.

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