



SCHOOL POLICIES

Charging Policy

This policy was adopted by the Governors on: March 2011

The last review of this policy was: July 2023

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Hudson primary School

Policy for charging families

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 to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to or by a theatre company;
 - visiting speakers to the school,
 - school trips abroad;
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1** If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, guidance in points 2.1 and 2.2 above apply. If the residential visit is mainly out of school time i.e. holidays or weekends, governors reserve the right to withdraw a place from a child who is unable to make part or whole payment. Governors will consider each such case individually.

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 may be a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. Should we make a charge for these lessons,

parents who feel unable to pay due to financial constraints may apply for financial support with payment. We give parents and pupils information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

- 5.1** 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 therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

6 Coaching

- 6.1** The school offers a range of additional coaching after school. Where a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions there may be a charge. Other sessions led by staff or partner high schools will be offered to pupils free of charge.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1** This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed bi-annually.