

Grindleford Primary School

Charging Policy

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 with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

The amount of money provided by the LA is rarely sufficient to cover all our education provisions. Consequently we have had to develop a system of charges to parents, which allows us to continue to provide a variety of activities for your children. We make every effort to ensure good value for money at all times. If, however, parents do not share the cost of these activities many of them may not go ahead.

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** In-school activities which are part of the children's programme of study within the national curriculum e.g. visiting artists and musicians. We may ask for a contribution to the cost of these activities so that we can continue to give the children a wide programme of different and exciting experiences or we may ask PTA for a donation towards costs.

Further activities include: (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;
- field trips.

If you have any problems regarding payment for school journeys or activities please contact the school office.

- 2.4** As a school we may charge a nominal amount of 5p per sheet for photocopying if we are doing a service for the wider community.
- 2.5** We do not charge for phone calls made within school.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1** If 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 do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel.

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 teachers teach individual or small group lessons. They 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 in Key Stage 2. 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Deliberate Damage

In the extremely unlikely event of deliberate damage to school property, the school reserve the right for you to be asked to pay for the repair or to replace the broken items.

7 Lettings

We do not currently do Lettings. However if this situation changes in the future, commercial lettings will be charged in line with LA guidelines. The calculation is based on a proportion of the energy costs and caretaking costs depending on individual usage of the premises. Upon application, each letting is to be assessed on its own merits and considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee as to which charges will be applied.

8 Freedom of Information Act

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