

CHESTER-LE-STREET CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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General Principles

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of pupils' education. The Governing Body would accordingly wish to promote and provide as far as possible such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

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 music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising educational visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school will subsidise the visit and will invite parents to contribute to the cost of that visit. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel a visit. If a visit 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 an educational visit but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, children will still be allowed to participate fully in the activity.

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 the theatre;
- Day educational visits
- Musical events

3 Residential visits

3.1 The opportunity to take part in a Residential visit is offered each year to children in year's 5 and 6. As this experience is not part of the National Curriculum and is offered by an external provider, a charge is made for the visit to cover the cost of board and lodgings. Parents are offered the opportunity to pay in regular instalments to make the visit affordable to all.

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. There is a

charge for these lessons. Should an opportunity arise where free tuition were available the school would take advantage of this scheme.

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5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Year 4. 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.

Breakages and Damage to School Property

The Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property.

Other charges

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. for providing a copy of an OFSTED report.

Payment exception

There may be cases of family hardship which make it difficult for pupils to take part in other particular activities for which a charge is made. When arranging a chargeable activity the Governing Body will invite parents to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or in full. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

Review

The Governing Body reserves the right to review and amend this policy statement from time to time, as appropriate. This document will be reviewed at least annually.

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