

CHARGING POLICY

Seamer and Irton CP School

Policy name	Charging Policy
Frequency of review	Bi-annual
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Reviewed by	Governing Board
Next review	December 2022

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.

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** 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;
 - activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to the theatre;
 - musical events.

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. Parents who receive state benefits may be exempt from payment.

4 Music tuition

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

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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. Parents in receipt of state benefits may be exempt from payment. 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 Years 3 and 4. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. There is no charge for these lessons whilst the school is in receipt of the PE premium. 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.

REVIEW

The Governing Body will review this policy statement bi-annually and update, modify or amend it as it considers necessary to ensure the policy meets the needs of Seamer and Irton CP School.

SignedDate
(Chair of Governors)

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