

Inglehurst Junior School

Charging Policy

Introduction

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.

Voluntary contributions

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.

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.

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;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.
- artists in school
- drama groups/theatres visiting school

Residential visits

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, transport and specialist tuition. Parents are given the opportunity to set up a payment schedule, which allows them an extended period of time during which they may make affordable contributions to the total cost.

We will support parents as best we can to pay for their child's trip. We are unable to allow children to take part in a residential trip without full payment.

Music tuition

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

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.

Swimming

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 do however ask parents to contribute to the cost of transporting the children to and from the swimming pool. 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.

Football/ Rugby/Basketball

The school offers additional sports coaching during school time. Qualified coaches, who are not a members of the school staff, run and organize these sessions. We do not charge for these sessions.

School minibus

We do not charge children if they are transported in the minibus to an extra-curricular activity.



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