



Redesdale Primary School

Charging Policy

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. This policy incorporates guidance from the DfE document 'Charging for school activities' (November 2013) and the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.

Voluntary contributions

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.

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, and the school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of curriculum-related activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

Residential visits

The school sometimes organises an optional residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is not directly related to the National Curriculum, therefore costs for the activities, board and lodging, and travel expenses are paid by the parents/carers. We do not charge for any staffing costs related to the trip.

Music tuition

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

Additional tuition for individuals and/or small groups tuition is also arranged through school and as it is an optional extra parents must pay for this.. These lessons are arranged with peripatetic music teachers and are paid for directly to the teacher.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for 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, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the parents' written permission for their child/ren to take part.

After school activities

The school offers additional optional activities after school. School staff or a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We may make a small charge for these sessions to cover the cost of tuition or resources. Some sessions are organised with private providers and the cost of these may vary.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.