



Policy on Charging

Introduction

- ❖ All the education provided during the school day is free. With the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition, we do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions

- ❖ When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- ❖ The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which normally require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. 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 or by a theatre company;
 - the Salisbury Playhouse Project (the school funds much of the cost)
 - school residential trips;
 - Musical events.

Residential visits

- ❖ If the school organises a residential visit during the school week, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and staff costs at the residential centre. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways. The cost of the residential is subsidised by the school. Funds are also set aside to give parents who are suffering from financial hardship the chance to send their child. This is regularly reviewed by the governing body.

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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.
- ❖ Funds are also set aside to give parents who are suffering from financial hardship the chance to send their child. This is regularly reviewed by the governing body.

- ❖ Pupils in receipt of PPG will be able to apply for the cost of peripatetic music lessons to be paid from the PPG.

Swimming

- ❖ The school organises swimming lessons for all children using the school pool. 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 and carers to cover the cost of the upkeep of the pool. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

Sports fixtures

- ❖ The school currently provides funds to cover the cost of transport to sporting fixtures.

Pupil Premium Funding

- ❖ Children in receipt of FSM PPG will have the cost of all trips paid using this grant. For residential visits a deposit will be requested from parents with the balance being paid from the PPG.



Remissions

- ❖ Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of income support or family credit, the Governing Body will offer to remit in full the cost of full board and lodging for any residential activity which is deemed to take place in school hours or where it forms part of the syllabus for the National Curriculum.

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents can apply in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

Monitoring and review

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

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CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

At Wilton and Barford Primary School, we believe that every child has the right to be safe and therefore to be cared for in a way that ensures her/his safety and meets her/his individual needs. We recognise that all children need protection at all times from anything or anyone that may cause them harm and work together following the Child Protection Policy to ensure this. We respect all members of the school's community and treat information with confidentiality.