



Charging Policy

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Durand Primary School

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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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

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 providing consent has been given. 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;
- other educational visits;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- first aid training
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in 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 and transport. Parents who are in receipt of free school meals pay a reduced fee.

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 make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Pupils in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes take part in a Music project that involves pupils in being part of whole class Strings lessons. In order to help with the cost of the peripatetic teacher for these lessons we ask parents for a voluntary contribution.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children from Year 1 to Year 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

Drama

Our Drama club organise a Theatre Trip each year for pupils who attend the club. As this trip is mainly out of school hours and involves the purchase of a Theatre ticket, a meal and transport we charge the actual cost for the trip.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the Governing Body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

Headteacher:

Chair of Governors:

Date: