

Broadwas CE Primary School Charging Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 All statutory education during school hours is free. The school does not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the visit. Letters are sent home giving details of the costs involved and how the contribution is calculated. All contributions are voluntary. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, a visit may have to be cancelled. If a visit goes ahead, it will include children whose parents have not paid any contribution.

2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school visit or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the school will allow the child to participate fully in the visit or activity. These children will not be treated differently from any others.

2.3 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 visits abroad;
- musical events;
- activities in school involving outside providers or a music workshop.

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, a charge will be made to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel expenses.



4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. There is no charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for additional individual or group music tuition. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons.

4.3 Fee remissions to cover part of the cost of music tuition may be available for children who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Should the child no longer be eligible for Free School Meals during the school year, parents will be charged for the remaining tuition.

4.4 Information about additional music tuition is sent out to parents before the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 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. There is no charge for this activity. Parents will be informed when these lessons are to take place and will be asked for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

5.2 The school will request a voluntary contribution to the cost of coach transport to swimming. Contributions would not be expected from the parents of those children in receipt of Free School Meals.

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