



Blackmore Primary School Charging Policy

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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, 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 and carers to contribute to the cost. These will be communicated through ParentMail. 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 require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This includes, but are not limited to:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to or by a theatre company
- School trips abroad
- Musical events
- In-school workshops, e.g., Greek Day
- Materials or ingredients for a project

Residential visits

The school organises a residential visit each year for the older children which parents or carers are charged for the cost. Parents are able to pay off the trip over a period of time to enable as many children as possible to attend and share the experience.

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 who make a charge for these lessons. Where available, we will share with parents and carers information about additional music tuition.

Damages

Parents may be asked to pay for/make a contribution to cover the costs of breakages and replacements for defaced or damaged books that are caused as a result of pupil's actions. We will also charge for lost books at the Head teacher's discretion.

Meals

Lunch is £2.50 a day. This price covers a cooked meal, drink and a dessert. All food served conforms to the governments healthy eating guidelines with an emphasis on nutritionally balanced meals with fresh fruit and vegetables. Children may bring a packed lunch- if they forget their packed lunch, the school can provide a school meal at the cost of the daily meal. Some parents may have an entitlement to the free school meals allowance. Reception and KS1 pupils will be entitled to a free school lunch.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in the school. We do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the costs of running and maintaining the pool, which is £3.50 a lesson. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place.

School Clubs

Blackmore Primary School offers the children a variety of clubs ranging from sporting, computing, singing and creative art clubs. All clubs run by outside providers charge a fee but most of the clubs provided by school staff are free with a possible small fee to cover the costs of resources. This is communicated on the clubs information letter.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed when required. As policies are reviewed and amended, we check that the principles listed above are properly considered and are embedded in practice. Governors will ensure that due regard is given to the promotion of equality within each policy.

