

Charging Policy

St Mary Abbot's
Church of England
Primary School



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1. Introduction

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

2. Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. 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.

2.2 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 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. The school provides this information on request.

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 trips;
- musical events.

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, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to speak to the Headteacher in confidence.

4. Music tuition

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

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to speak to the Headteacher in confidence. The Music post holder provides parents with information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5. Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 3 in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6. After School Clubs

There are a range of After School Clubs organised. Parents can choose and pay for the clubs they wish their child to attend. The charges for these clubs is set by the outside provider and parents should pay the provider directly. Parents need to pay for After School Support Club and Breakfast Club online using the Gateway procedure. If there are issues with payment, please speak to the Headteacher in confidence.