



# Great Barfield Primary School

## Charging Policy

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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 with the exception of individual or group music tuition and swimming.

## 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 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 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 organized 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 abroad
  - musical events
  - swimming

## 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 ask for a contribution to cover the cost of the visit to include board, lodging and transport. Parents of children who receive free school meals may apply to the school for a contribution to the cost of the residential trip.

## 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. We give parents 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 the school. These take place in school time and it is a requirement that all children can swim 25m by the end of Key Stage 2. We ask for a contribution for this activity to fund coaching and subsidise the running costs of the pool.

Parents of Reception and Key Stage 1 children have a choice as to whether they participate in this activity. After Year 3, parents have a choice as to whether their child takes part in this activity if they have achieved their 25m certificate.

## **6 Sports Coaching**

- 6.1** The school offers additional Sports coaching after school. Qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. The current provider is Premier Sport Education. They make a small charge for these sessions.