

Stamford Bridge Primary School

Charging Policy



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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 individual or group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions

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 will cancel a trip. Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium or free school meals are exempt from paying for all or part of visit costs and activities (depending upon the visit type).

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 possible additional activities that may be 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;
musical events.

Residential visits

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 will charge for the education, travel expenses and the costs of board and lodging. Assistance may be provided in the following circumstances:

- for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium the school will cover the cost of coach travel
- other issues related to financial hardship can be arranged through discussion with the Headteacher

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 group instrumental tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. This is offered through either peripatetic music teachers from the Schools Music Service or through private tutors. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. The private tutors charge parents directly. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Nursery

Parents may wish to purchase additional nursery hours if they have already used the 15 hours per week free early education entitlement either at school or with another provider. Additional hours will be charged at the rate of £5 per hour.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children throughout the school. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place. Fees for swimming are set out as follows:

- the fees chargeable will be £65 per year reviewable annually in September each year. (£28 for children in Years 3 and 4)
- these charges cover costs incurred by the school in providing swimming lessons.
- there will be a reduction/refund of fees for sessions missed due to pool closure for more than one month
- there will be no reduction or refund of fees for sessions missed due to sickness, holidays or forgotten swimming kit
- for parents not willing to pay fees, arrangements will be made for their child(ren) to remain in the classroom every week with the non-swimming group and participate in the curriculum activities taking place
- for parents not willing to pay fees, their children will be provided with swimming lessons in Years 3 and 4 in accordance with the requirements of the National Curriculum
- pupils eligible for Pupil Premium in school will not be charged for swimming lessons
- other issues related to financial hardship can be arranged through discussion with the headteacher

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