



Charging Policy

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Introduction

At Stockbridge Village Primary school we believe that children should benefit from outside visits, journeys, music lessons and extra curricular activities in sport and the creative arts.

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

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 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.

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.

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
- outdoor adventure activities;
- 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 do make a charge. However, parents will be given eight months notice and will be provided with the facility to make weekly contributions towards the costs. In the event of hardship pupil premium may be used to partially fund the child's place.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum which is paid via a school SLA. We do not charge for this. For those children who take part in music tuition outside of the normal school curriculum there may be a nominal charge.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum.

Sporting Activities

The school offers additional football after school. These clubs are run by members of the school staff who run and organise these sessions. There is no charge for these sessions.

Club Activities

Extra-curricular clubs and societies operate at various periods during the academic year. There is no charge for these activities.

Other Agencies may provide additional after school clubs i.e. fencing, where there is a small charge – these clubs may run for up to five weeks.

Breakfast Club

The school operates a Breakfast which is run by members of the school staff. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast. There is a charge for this club set for 21/22

Breakfast Club - £1.00 per session

School Mini Bus

Travel in the Mini Bus is usually free on short journeys on occasion parents/carers are asked to help raise funds from time to time towards the maintenance of the vehicle.

Damage to school property

The school governors will charge the parents/carers of pupils who cause wilful damage to school property or equipment, the full price of any repairs or replacements.

Hire of Rooms

The school has a number of meeting rooms available for hire by the community and other agencies. Please see Use of School Buildings Policy.

Voluntary Fund Raising

During the school year the school raises funds for various charitable appeals parents/carers will be invited to assist with these events.

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