



Policy: Charging and Remissions

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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 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 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;
- 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 invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip, for the education or travel expenses, as in the case of day trips. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive specified state benefits are exempt from payment.

Friends of Barrington School and local charitable groups can provide funds annually to support those pupils who might not otherwise be able to finance school visits and journeys. This support is provided at the discretion of the Headteacher and remains confidential.

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 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. Parents in receipt of specified state benefits may receive discounts for this.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all KS2 pupils. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. However, we do ask for a voluntary contribution towards the travelling expenses. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

After School Clubs

The school offers additional activities after school such as gymnastics, football and drama. These are run independently from the school and a charge is made for these sessions.

The Peacock Club is run by the school to provide wrap round care for parents. This club operates outside of normal school hours from 7.30 until 8.45am and from 3.25 until 6.00pm. There is a charge for attending this club.

Remissions

In some circumstances, the school may not charge for items or activities set out in this policy. This will be at the discretion of the governing board and will depend on the activity in question.