

Pilgrims Way Primary School Charging Policy

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 areas outlined in this policy.

Voluntary Contributions for educational visits and visitors to the school

We believe that educational visits and visitors to the school greatly enhance our provision and learning experiences. Wherever possible there is no charge or a voluntary contribution may be requested and will be kept to a minimum. We actively seek grants which will subsidise the cost of some visits and visitors to the school. The school at times will contribute towards the cost of the visit/activity.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling to make a voluntary contribution, the child will be able to participate fully in the trip or activity so long as parental consent has been given. It will be made clear that contributions are voluntary.

If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

Residential Visits

The school organises a residential visit for pupils in Year 6. It is the school's aspiration to reduce costs for any residential trips and to ask for discretionary funding for sundries. The school will consider subsidising the cost of visits where parents are experiencing financial difficulties; all matters will be dealt with confidentially. The school will only charge for the cost of board and lodging and travel expenses. Parents will be given the option of a payment plan to spread the cost of the residential visit.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Where any peripatetic lessons are organised for which a charge is made. The school will subsidise the cost of lessons and take individual circumstances into account.

Out of hours activities

The school runs a breakfast and after school club. There is a charge for attending these clubs to cover staff costs and food. The current costs are:

Breakfast Club: £2.50 per week

After School Club: £37.50 per week (£50.00 for children at Southwark Free School – walking bus £12.50 per week)

Holiday Scheme: £60.00 per week

There are other after school clubs some of which are free of charge, other for which a small contribution is requested. Parents are kept fully informed of the costs related to each activity.

Swimming

The school organises lessons for different pupils in KS2 throughout the year. There is no charge for these lessons.

Approved by the Governing Body: July 2016

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Signed: _____ Juliette Young – Chair of Governors

Signed: _____ Gregory Doey - Headteacher