

CROSCOMBE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1** When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents / Carers to contribute to the cost. 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/Carer 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, by giving financial help to individual families. 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, 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 or by a theatre company;
 - curriculum related visits.
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1** If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the education element of the visit and to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. Although this is in the form of a voluntary contribution, if we do not receive sufficient funds from parents to cover the costs of the visit, then it cannot take place, unless funding comes from another source.

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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents/Carers 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 Years 2 - 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents / carers when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part and for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport and for the services of three swimming instructors.

6 Extra-Curricular Clubs

- 6.1** The school offers additional football coaching after school. A qualified FA coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.
- 6.2** A French club and a Health & Fitness club take place after school, for which parents / carers are charged. Both clubs are run by adults, who are not members of the school staff.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1** This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

Signed:

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