

Charging Policy



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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 individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1** When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, Lulworth and Winfrith Primary 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.
- 2.2** Children who are in receipt of Free School Meal funding will be entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of any additional activity where a voluntary contribution is required.¹
- 2.3** 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. The school may also seek some financial help from the PTA 'Friends Association'. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.
- 2.4** 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 the theatre;
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1** 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 not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and specialist teachers employed by the Centres to teach sports skills e.g. archery, fencing, sailing etc.
- 3.2** Families who are in receipt of Free School Meal funding will have the cost of any residential visit subsidised by 33%. Arrangements for the remaining balance

¹ Please note: The term 'Free School Meal' refers to those families in receipt of certain benefits as described in the following link <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals>. This funding is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meal Government initiative which currently provides a school meal for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like further clarification please speak to the School Office.

can be paid in instalments; ensuring that the final payment is paid by the due date.

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 optional music tuition that is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask parents for a voluntary contribution for this to cover costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Clubs

- 6.1 Our after school clubs are led by both school staff and external coaches. Each club is charged at £3.00 per session to cover the costs of provision. Those clubs which use a variety of consumables (i.e. Cookery and Art) will be charged at £3.50 per session. After school swimming club will be charged at £3.50 per session. This charge is subject to review at the discretion of the Governing Body.
- 6.2 Each child in receipt of Free School Meal funding will be entitled to ONE free of charge sporting after school club per half term. Any additional clubs they wish to attend or any of a non-sporting nature will be subject to the normal charges for that term. This fits into our PE funding priorities for the year.

7 Photocopying

- 7.1 Private photocopying: We ask for a voluntary donation for anyone who uses the photocopier, which is infrequent and not a regular request from anyone apart from the Winfrith Pre-School.

8 Loss and Damage to School Property

- 8.1 Parents of a pupil who wilfully damages or loses any item of school property or equipment, including, for example, windows or computer software, may be liable for the cost of repair or replacement.