



# Charging Policy

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# Squirrels Heath Junior 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 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 organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents, these activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre
- 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 ask for a voluntary contribution towards the educational costs and travelling expenses. We do, however, make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. We would hope, however, that parents would be willing to make a voluntary contribution towards the total cost of the visit.

The school endeavours to ensure that all residential trips and events where voluntary contributions are sought break-even. Should there be any profit (>£5.00 per pupil) reimbursement will be made to those who contributed.

### 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. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

### Swimming:

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

### Clubs:

Independent organisations are invited into school to run out of school hour clubs. These organisations charge pupils for these activities.

### Pupil Premium Funding:

The school is currently receiving Pupil Premium Funding for pupils who currently have a Free School Meal entitlement or have been in receipt of Free School Meals in the past 6 years. The Head Teacher will use some of this funding to subsidise Education visits for Pupil Premium pupils and also allocate some of the funding to enable these pupils to participate in extracurricular activities.