



FLIXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

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1. Introduction

We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the Curriculum with the exception of some technology projects, where a voluntary contribution may be requested to cover the cost of purchasing items if work is to be taken home on completion (eg., DVD disks for Computing projects, or batteries for clock mechanisms).

2. 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 reserve the right to cancel the trip. If a trip goes ahead, it will 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 unable or unwilling to make a voluntary contribution, we always 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 require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums/places of interest;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- sporting activities which incur costs e.g. skiing lessons, skateboarding etc.;
- visiting theatre groups, music workshops

3. Residential Trips

If the school organizes a residential trip in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of the board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulties they are invited to write in confidence to the Headteacher.

4. Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. If children wish to learn to play a musical instrument, parents can access tuition through school with private music tutors. This is a private arrangement facilitated by the school, and will incur costs to the parent accordingly.

5. Swimming

The school organizes swimming lessons for all children in Year 5. These take place in school time and are part of the Curriculum. No charges are made for swimming lessons.

6. Activities Outside School Hours

No charge is made for activities that are outside of school hours and are part of the curriculum. However, we may ask for a contribution towards materials.

For all other activities outside of school hours, a charge up to the cost of the activity will be levied.

7. Damage/Loss to property

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Headteacher may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at the Headteacher's discretion.

8. Lettings

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities.

9. Remissions Policy

For trips that include residential stays, if the parent/guardian of a pupil is in receipt of Income Support, Income Based job Seekers Allowance, guaranteed element of state pension credit, support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999 or Child Tax Credit (providing that they do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £15575), charges in respect of board and lodging will be remitted in full.