

# Newton Westpark Primary School



## Charging Policy

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Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Position: Chair of Governors

## **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, 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.
- 2.2** 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.
- 2.3** The following is a list of additional activities organized 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;
  - residential outdoor activity trips;
  - musical events;
  - visits to places of work.
  - visits to enhance curriculum work

## **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. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, which parents, who are in receipt of family credit or income support are entitled to claim remission.

## **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 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 term. Pupils in receipt of free school meals can apply for a subsidy from the Music Service.

## **5 Swimming**

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons. Voluntary contributions towards travel costs are requested.

## **6 Out of school Clubs**

- 6.1** Throughout the academic year a variety of clubs are offered. Where qualified personnel run the clubs from an outside agency and grants are not available we make a small charge for the sessions.