



Lings Primary School

Charging Policy

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1 Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of our Curriculum, as defined by Lings Primary School and the Northampton Primary Academy Trust Partnership (NPAT), with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

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 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 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;
- school trips;
- musical events.

3 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 Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. *However*, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the Head Teacher.

4 Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. A peripatetic music teacher visits school to teach individual or small group lessons. At present we do not make a charge for these lessons. However, this will be reviewed at the end of each financial year. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Confirmatory Signatures

Signed.....Head Teacher

Signed.....Governor

Approved on.....

To be reviewed on.....