



Rosendale Primary School and Children's Centre

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CHARGING POLICY¹

A statement of Rosendale policy on charging for school activities, further to guidance set out in the Education Act 2006.

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SLT owner: Headteacher

Distribution: Staff and governors

1. Introduction

1.1 This policy follows guidelines set out in the Education Act 1996 on charging for school activities.

1.2 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. Charges can be made for any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent/carer wishes to own them.

1.3 Charges may be made for some activities that are known as "optional extras". These can include education provided outside of school time that is not part of the National Curriculum and examination fees such as grade exams in music. These costs should not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity. Participation in any optional activity is on the basis of parental choice. Where there is a charge for these activities, pupils who qualify for pupil premium will not be charged.

1.4 The school can make a charge to cover the cost of materials/ingredients for areas such as design and technology and cooking where the parents/carers have said beforehand that they would like their child to bring home the finished product.

2. Voluntary contributions

2.1 School trips, or visits to the school from external organisations, enhance the curriculum and educational experience of the children. For these, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip or visit. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the trip or visit. If the planned activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents/carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 If a parent/carer 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/carers have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

¹ Adapted from historic Christ Church policy (undated).

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents/ carers. This list is not exhaustive.

- Visits to places of interest
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses
- School trips
- 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. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents/carers are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write or telephone in confidence to the Head of School who will then consider their needs.

4. Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 Individual music lessons with peripatetic music teachers are charged at cost.

5. Swimming

5.1 Swimming lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents/carers when these lessons are to take place.

6. Extended School

6.1 Extended School activities, including breakfast and after-school clubs, are charged at cost.