



Charging Policy

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Stanley Crook Primary School

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1 Introduction

1.1 At Stanley Crook Primary School 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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.3 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 or by a theatre company; □ school trips abroad; □ musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits may be exempt from payment.

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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

4.3 Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding receive free music tuition, funded through the Pupil Premium Grant.

4.4 Where a pupil with Special Educational Needs undertakes music tuition, the cost is covered via the school notional SEND budget. In these cases, the tuition is closely linked to outcomes for the pupil linked to their area of need.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in across the Key Stages. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and provide guidance and support when requested.

5.2 Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding receive support with associated costs for swimming kit etc., funded through the Pupil Premium.

6 After-school and Wraparound Clubs

6.1 At times throughout the academic year, the school offers various after-school, extra-curricular clubs, provided via external coaches/ tutors. We make a small charge for these sessions (currently £4.00 per child, per session).

6.2 School also offers extended Wrap Around Care. Cost for this provision is £10.00 per child, per session until 5:30pm (siblings 50% discount) and £4.00 per session per child, until 4:15pm.

6.3 Breakfast Club is charged at £2.00 per session, per child and operates from 7:45am until 8:45am.

7 Transport

7.1 We normally charge if children are transported in by bus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

8 Support with Payments

In cases where families are unable to make payments in line with this policy, school will make every reasonable effort to ensure that this does not negatively impact on the educational experiences of their child(ren).

Parents/ carers are routinely identified proactively by school and appropriate support in offered.

If any parent/ carer would like to discuss additional support, which the school may be able to offer, they are encouraged to contact the Headteacher, who will be happy to help.

9 Monitoring and review

8.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed annually.