

Charging Policy

Horspath C of E Primary School

Horspath C of E Primary School values and supports all of its members as individuals. It is a happy, welcoming and safe environment which promotes learning and self-confidence. We are a church school:

- Where children from all cultures and faiths thrive, learning skills and behaviours that will guide them their whole lives.
- That underpins teaching, learning and daily school life with the Christian values of forgiveness, respect for others, truth and a sense of accountability.
- Where all children from every background have the very best that the school community can give them so that they are challenged and inspired to achieve their full potential.
- A school that encourages work and play across the age range so that children and staff know everyone in the school community.
- A school that is a key member of our local community.

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 class activities 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 would always allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school subsidizes the actual cost of the trip or activity. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request. The PTA also supports the school by contributing to the cost of trips and events at the Headteacher's request.
- 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**
 - **musical events**
 - **topic events in school**
 - **materials for art weeks**

3 Residential visits

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- 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, the costs are decided by the Centre and Oxfordshire County Council. Parents who receive certain state benefits are exempt from full payment. This is explained in the information sent to parents about the trip.

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. Parents in receipt of certain state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity nor do we charge for the costs of transport to swimming lessons. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6. Clubs

- 6.1** Where clubs are run during school time by school staff, there is no charge made to parents for the club although pupils may be asked to provide materials for the club eg knitting wool, Top Trumps card sets. After school clubs run by outside organisations will charge a weekly fee.

Signed:

Date:

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