

Harefield Junior School

Charging Policy

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Mission Statement:

At Harefield Junior School we believe in an ethos that values the whole child.

We strive to enable all children to achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

Introduction:

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.

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 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, historic sites and other places of interest
- outdoor adventure activities
- trips to see plays, concerts, sporting events etc
- school trips
- residential school journey (year 6). Every parent is expected to pay the full amount. The school cannot subsidise a child's place, but if any parent is unable to meet the cost of a school educational visit and they are on certain benefits, we are in a position to put them in contact with a local charity who normally are able to assist with the child's place – so every child is able to go on the trip.

Music tuition:

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition that is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The Hillingdon Music Service makes a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are given the opportunity to pay a much lesser fee. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Cooking:

Cookery is a part of the Technology Curriculum and children regularly cook in small groups.

If a child makes an item and eats it at school, for example making their own lunch, there is no charge and the costs will be born by Harefield Junior School.

However if the cookery item is made and taken home to be eaten e.g. a sponge cake, then a small charge will be made.

Swimming:

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 5. 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.

After school clubs:

The school offers a number of after school clubs. Some of these are run by school staff and are free. For others, run by qualified coaches who are not on the school staff, we may make a small charge.

Policy Review:

This policy is reviewed regularly as part of our rolling programme of policy review and at other times if legislation or guidance changes.