

SITHNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy



Rationale

At Sithney Primary School it is the intention that every child should be able to participate to the full in the activities of the school and should not be barred on the grounds of money. Apart from individual or group music tuition, there is no charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Unfortunately, the school cannot afford to pay for all visits from its budget so the following guidelines have been agreed to ensure that the school curriculum is enriched through the use of visits, curriculum enhancements and out of school activities, but also to ensure that children are not excluded from activities.

Voluntary Contributions

To ensure that the school maintains its financial solvency we invite parental contributions to help with the activities which enrich and enhance the curriculum and educational experiences of children at Sithney Primary School. The contribution that we ask you to make is only enough to cover the costs of that activity. Where a visit is planned as part of the school curriculum, parents will be invited to contribute towards the cost of that visit. If there are sufficient contributions to pay for the visit, it will then proceed. If the contributions are not sufficient to make the visit financially viable, then the school will return contributions paid and the visit will not proceed. Children will not be excluded from a financially viable activity that is part of the school curriculum and takes part within school time. The school will support children of parents who are receiving benefits by offering a reduced payment.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons take place in school time and are part of the PE Curriculum but we invite voluntary contributions to cover costs of the swimming pool.

Music Tuition

We do not charge for music lessons, which are part of the National Curriculum, but charge for lessons organised through the Cornwall Music Service Trust. These charges are very competitive and again, parents in receipt of benefits can claim a reduced payment. We give parents full information about this. Parents of children who no longer wish to continue extra-curricular lessons, such as instrumental lessons, must discuss the matter with the music teacher in good time for the school to



cancel the booked lessons with the tutor. This should be at least 6 weeks previously or the previous term.

Conclusion

The education of the pupils of the school is enhanced by visits and out of school activities and it is hoped that parents will share in the cost of providing such activities.

