

Woodthorpe J.I. School

Charging Policy

Aim

To offer and implement a policy that:

- is applicable in all instances of school requests for a parental contribution
- reflects appropriate consideration by school that the request is justified
- allows for activities not covered by the school budget.

Our policy principles

1. We will request a financial contribution from parents/carers for:
 - Educational visits off-site
 - Educational visitors to the school
 - Music tuition from the Music Service
 - After school clubs with external providers and when materials are provided
2. The definition of educational includes all experiences which develop and enhance the curriculum and contribute to children's health, well-being and enjoyment.
3. Separate conditions apply to the provision of individual music tuition and residential visits.
4. We will endeavour to limit requests to a minimum by, where possible, using free local facilities.
5. If the cost of the visit cannot be raised by parental contributions, the school will cancel the trip.
6. If parents are experiencing difficulties meeting the cost of visits, they should contact the school.
7. The Governing Body has decided that pupils registered for Pupil Premium will have visits funded, with the exception of non-compulsory residential visits.
8. The School will endeavour to circulate information related to the timing and approximate cost of visits as far in advance as possible.
9. A voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of lost or damaged library and home reading books will be asked for if the book is not returned or replaced by the end of term.

Value criteria

It is emphasised that under the 1988 Education Reform Act, we are no longer able to ask directly for a sum to cover the cost, but we do ask that your voluntary contribution covers the specified amount. Due to budgetary cuts, the school is unable to subsidise any educational experience. If there are insufficient contributions to cover the costs of an educational experience, school will be left with no other course of action than to cancel that experience.

Finally, it is important to recognise that all requests for a voluntary parental contribution are made in respect of experiences which enhance the curriculum for children. They are therefore of educational value and represent value for money.

The Rights of Every Child

Woodthorpe JI School uses the U.N. Convention of the Rights of the Child to ensure that every policy supports the improvement of life chances for children.

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Signed:

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