



Bibury C of E Primary School Charging Policy

Vision - A safe learning community that nurtures and inspires individuality, confidence and success.

Bibury Church of England School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This school aims to be part of the wider community through fostering Christian values, and the development of spirituality through reflection, to enhance relationships.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum but may ask for voluntary contributions.

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 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.



The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which often require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- swimming lesson
- other sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;

Residential visits

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, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging, expert tuition and transport costs. Parents who receive state benefits are exempt from payment.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in school. These take place in school time during terms 2 and 6 and exceed National Curriculum requirements. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons. They are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. They are also subsidised by a donation from the school fund towards the cost of the coach. If a parent wishes their child to take part in swimming but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we still allow the child to participate fully providing there are sufficient parents willing to contribute.

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