

Charging Policy for Hanbury C. of E. First School

1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. There are, however, a number of specific exceptions to this general rule which is set out in the following paragraphs.

2 Voluntary Contributions

2.1 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 any 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 allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional cost in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which requires voluntary contributions from parents. These are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exclusive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips;
- musical events.

3 Educational Visits

3.1 Residential Educational Visits

3.1.1 A residential visit is any trip arranged for pupils which require pupils taking part to spend one or more nights away from their usual overnight accommodation.

3.1.2 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or more than half (including travel) is during school hours then all the activity is to be treated as if it took place during school, so no charge may be made. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodgings. Parents who are in receipt of Income Support, Working Families Tax Credit, Job seekers Allowance or Disable Persons Tax Credit are exempt from payment. No charge may be made for education except by agreement with the pupils' parents or guardians.

3.2 Non-Residential Visits

3.2.1 Normally deemed to fall within school hours, therefore no charge is made for the education provided or any associated transport.

4.0 Music Tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal national 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 each individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of Income Support, Working Families Tax Credit, Job seekers Allowance or Disable Persons Tax Credit are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Extra-Curriculum Activities

5.1 The school offers Extra-Curriculum Activities e.g. football coaching, drama, etc, these are run by qualified people who are not members of staff. We make a small charge for these sessions.

Signed: _____

Chair of Governors

Adopted by Governing Body on: _____

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