

CORBY OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for tuition undertaken as part of the National Curriculum but do ask for contributions for transport and admission charges to make visits possible. However, the school also offers extra-curricular activities which may or may not be organised by third parties for which a charge is made. At present this includes After School Club and Breakfast Club.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school visits which enrich the curriculum and provide an educational experience for the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. However, if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a visit goes ahead, we will include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. The same rules apply to visiting theatre groups and other chargeable events held in school time.

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, the child is entitled 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 organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events;
- visiting theatre or music groups;
- swimming lessons transport costs

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

If the school organises an extra-curricular residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, the Parents/guardians are asked to meet the cost of board and lodging and the charge must not exceed the actual cost.

MUSIC

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

We also offer tuition for violins during school time which is funded by Standards Fund and managed and taught by the Northamptonshire Music Service Peripatetic teacher. To allow more children to participate, additional time is bought by the school and a small termly charge levied from the parents to support this expenditure.

SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2 on a rotation basis. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for voluntary contribution of £1 per visit for transport to and from these venues. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

COOKING

Children have the opportunity to cook from time to time. There is no charge for this activity.

SCHOOL MEALS

A charge is made by our catering provider which is passed on to parents if their child requires a school meal. However, parents in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit) will be exempt from these charges and need to sign up to the Free School Meal scheme.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS

All activities beyond the school day require funds to sustain them. Parents are asked to pay for refreshments and resources for Breakfast Club and After School Club.

The Charging Policy was agreed by the Governing Body on 17th November 2015

Signed

_____ Chair of Finance