

Foston C of E VC and Terrington C of E VA Primary School

Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

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

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

For residential courses during the time of normal School hours, parents can be asked to meet the full cost of board, lodging and to make a voluntary contribution towards any travel expenses. The School will meet the costs for students whose parents receive the income support benefits, where it is still possible for the visit to go ahead. The School will do its best to offer assistance and remissions in any case where there is hardship.

4 Music tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. Payment is made by the parent directly to the music teacher.

5 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we may ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of transport. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

6 After School Care

School provides before and after school care. The cost per day, per pupil including snack, is shown below:-

Breakfast Club	£2.00
After School Club	
3.15 until 4.00pm	£3.50
3.15 until 4.30pm	£4.50
3.15 until 5.00pm	£5.50
3.15pm until 5.30pm	£6.00

Sibling discounts are available

7 Deliberate Damage

Parents may be asked to contribute to replacement equipment if their child wilfully damages school property. We do this in order for children to develop a sense of respect for belongings and encourage parents to take money from children's pocket money.

8 Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.

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Approved by full GB, Committee or individual	Finance Committee
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