

HERON CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

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/carers 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/carers have not paid any contributions.

- 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 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/carers 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 require voluntary contributions from parents/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 the theatre
- musical events

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 The school organises annual residential visits in school time. This is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum. We do not make any charge for the educational activities. However, we do make a charge. (To cover 50% of the travel costs and board and lodging costs)

4 Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons and make a charge for the loan of the instruments but NOT the tuition which is bought in through the school's Service Level Agreement.

5 Swimming

- 5.1** 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. We inform parents/carers when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents/carers for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Football

- 6.1** When there is additional football coaching after school, two members of staff lead this and there is no charge.

8 Classroom Materials

No charge is made for materials and equipment when items are created and taken home by the child/children.

9 Loss or Wilful damage

The school reserves the right to make a charge if school resources are lost or wilfully damaged by children.

10 Breakfast Club/Extra-curricular activities

School holds a number of after-school clubs: cookery, Fitzy Fox, recorders, booster sessions, choir, art, dance, drama and sports clubs. No charge is made for these.

No charge is made for the provision of our Breakfast Club, we do however request any child attending purchases a drink/toast.