



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGING POLICY

Rationale

The Governing Board recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, practical activities, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. The Governing Board aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Charging Policy

Any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1996. The governors endorse the guiding principles contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

Introduction

Educational experiences should be accessible to all our children. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the delivery of the National Curriculum in school. Hardy Mill School does, however, provide a range of activities in order to enrich children's learning.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, visits or specialist speakers/workshops, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost.

Many of these activities are subsidised either by the school or by the Parent Teacher Association. We do, however, ask for contributions from parents.

All contributions are voluntary and no child will be excluded from these activities due to non payment.

However if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, either the school will subsidise the visit or activity or they may be cancelled.

Additional activities organised by the school include:

- visits to museums and theatres;
- sporting events;
- musical performances.
- visits to places of historic interest
- fieldwork activities

Activities provided outside the normal school day (e.g. after school clubs, weekend or evening trips) will be charged for, and children will not normally be included unless charges have been paid. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium may on occasion have charges covered by school in order for them to access such activities.

Residential Visits

The school organises one residential visit to provide education directly related to outdoor and adventurous activities this visit takes place mainly over a weekend. We make a charge to cover the costs of travel expenses, board and lodging. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium may on occasion have charges covered by school in order for them to access such activities.

Extra Curricular Clubs

A wide range of clubs is offered after school, the vast majority of which are free. When a specialist teacher or qualified coach runs and organises these sessions a small charge will be made. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium may on occasion have charges covered by school in order for them to access such activities.

The school also organises swimming lessons for children in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum.

Instrumental Music Tuition

This is also subject to charges as this is an activity not open to all children in school. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium may on occasion have charges covered by school in order for them to access such activities.

Breakages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board may decide to make

a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

Photocopying

The costs of reproducing policies and other documents under the Freedom of Information Act will be charged at cost price.

Conclusion

Charges are used only to cover the expenses of a trip, visit or activity, and not to make profit.

October 2008.

November 2011

March 2014

September 2014

November 2016

November 2017

November 2020