

Newbury Park Primary School

Charging for School Activities

1. Introduction

Education provided during school hours is free to all pupils. This includes all materials, equipment and transport.

2. Voluntary contributions

There are times in the year when classes undertake special activities (such as educational trips) that incur substantial extra costs to the school. In these circumstances parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost.

Children of parents not making a contribution will not be treated in any way differently from the rest of the group. However, it is possible that an activity may be cancelled due to the lack of voluntary contributions. No child will be denied participation in an activity on the grounds that a contribution has not been made on his/her behalf. The voluntary contribution requested will be based on the actual cost per child. No additional charge will be made to cover any loss incurred by non-payment of others.

3. Charging

The school may make a charge to parents & carers for the following activities or reasons:

- Out of school hours child care as part of our extended school early morning and after school child care schemes.
- Loss of books, equipment or other materials on loan to parents/carers.
- Music tuition, in respect of individual or small group tuition provided by Redbridge Music Centre (or other agency).
- The cost of repairs or replacement of property caused by wilful damage.
- Exceptional child care resulting from children being uncollected at the end of the school day.
- Materials and media produced by the school.
- Board and lodgings for residential visits.
- Extended school activities for pupils outside school hours and, where appropriate, activities and services for parents, carers & others.

Details of these charges will be made available to parents, carers and others in writing.

4. Remission of charges

The school does not make charges to parents who are in receipt of Free School Meals for the following chargeable activities:

- music tuition
- board and lodgings in respect of residential visits in school time.
- after-school activities that are part of our "Go for It!" programme.

The Head Teacher may use discretion to remit charges in part or full to benefit vulnerable pupils or families in particular need of support.

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