

Stone with Woodford C. of E. Primary School

Charging Policy

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Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips, visits or visitors which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary, and since schools cannot remind individual parents regarding payment only general reminders will be sent to all parents. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a visit. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents 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 visit or event, but is unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the visit or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each visit is funded. The school provides this information on request.

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

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport and entrance expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- workshops
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips;
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, we make a charge to cover the costs of travel, specialist tuition, board and lodging. Parents may apply for bursaries.

Music tuition

We offer all children the opportunity to play a musical instrument. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition which is in addition to National Curriculum Music. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons to cover the costs of tuition. Parents may apply for bursaries. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming and indoor sports lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for a voluntary contribution for these activities which covers the cost of transport and entrance. Teaching costs are covered by the school. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Coach travel

We normally ask for contributions if children are transported in a coach to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

Extended school clubs

Where a coach or specialist is hired to run out of school clubs which incur a charge we will make a charge to parents for the activity.