

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL



YORKSWOOD PRIMARY

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 but we do ask for voluntary contributions.

Currently there is no group/individual tuition taking place for pupils learning a musical instrument.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school would invite parents to contribute towards the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary.

The following is a list of activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- Events in school
- Musical events
- Off site visits
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visitors into school
- Visits to theatres

Whilst contributions to trips are voluntary, if school does not receive enough voluntary contributions, school will consider canceling the trip.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly, related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charges for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents and carers who receive state benefits are exempt from payment. If we cannot raise sufficient funding and the visit has to be cancelled then that aspect of the curriculum would be covered in other ways.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Charges will be made if the teaching is not an essential part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus is being followed by a pupil.

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 and therefore no charge is made.

After School Clubs

Various after school clubs are run throughout the year for which no charge is made. There may be some clubs run by outside agencies and for which a fee may be payable. Parents are informed of these before enrolling their children.

Miscellaneous Items

There is a charge for the following items:

- Replacement home reading diaries 50p
- Lost reading books £3
- PE t-shirt £2.70
- Small book bags £4.25, large school satchel £6.75

Remissions

In order to remove financial barriers from disadvantaged pupils, Yorkswood school will support families in times of hardship, by covering or part covering changes to ensure pupils do not miss out on opportunities. Please speak to the school if you would like to discuss this further.

Additional considerations

Yorkswood Primary School recognises its responsibility to ensure that the offer of activities and educational visits does not place an unnecessary burden on family finances. To this end we will try to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Where possible we shall publish a list of visits (and their approximate cost) a term in advance, so that parents can plan ahead
- We have established a system for parents to pay in installments

