

Park Primary School



Policy statement on charging.

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At Park Primary School we are committed to providing a stimulating education for our children, including specialised tuition, out of school activity clubs, educational visits and residential trips. Some of these activities are funded through voluntary parental contributions.

Voluntary Contributions:

We may ask parents/carers for voluntary contributions towards the cost of:

- Any activity that takes place during school hours
- School equipment
- School funds

However, the contribution must be genuinely voluntary and children whose parents/carers do not contribute are not discriminated against. Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of an activity and there is no way to make up the shortfall the activity will be cancelled.

Residential Trips:

We are permitted to charge for the cost of board and lodging during residential school trips. This cost will not exceed the actual cost of the provision.

Where the trip takes place wholly, or mainly, during school hours children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of these charges:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £14,155
- Guaranteed State Pension Credit

A similar entitlement applies where the trip takes place outside of school hours but it is necessary as part of the national curriculum or the syllabus for religious education.