

Verwood CE First School Charging Policy

Introduction

It is our intention at Verwood CE First School to provide the widest possible opportunities we can in all areas of the curriculum and beyond.

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

Activities in school

Some activities in school use expensive components and materials. Examples of activities are clay modelling, cookery, needlework, and design technology projects. The charges made will be relatively small and only cover the cost of the materials. These payments will be requested in the form of voluntary donations.

Class Trips

When organising school trips or visits that enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. No parent will be expected to pay more than the per pupil cost of the trip.

Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Optional Extras

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:

- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

Residential Trips

Year 4 Residential to Springhead.

This trip is educational and so the cost of the "education" will be fully met by the school. The board and lodgings and travel will be charged for at cost. To be advised in the autumn term.

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Verwood CE First School Remissions Policy

This policy sets out clearly and fairly under what circumstances charges will be reduced or removed. The remissions policy will be regularly reviewed.

Parents in receipt of any of the following qualify for a reduction or removal of charges

- a) income support
- b) Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- c) an income based job seekers allowance
- d) Child Tax Credit, where the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190.
- e) Guaranteed element of state pension credit

Class Trip

Parents in receipt of any of a) to d) above will be exempt from paying for the outing.

Residential Trip

Parents in receipt of any of a) to d) above will have 50% of the full cost of the Educational Residential to Springhead remitted.

Clothing Grant

A grant of £30.00 will be awarded annually to parents in receipt of a) to d) above

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