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Tibberton CE Primary School

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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 with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

The Governors have agreed that parents should be asked to contribute towards the cost of activities which could otherwise not take place, eg educational day visits and workshops held in school. The costs incurred are for transport, entry fees and insurance or expert visitors. See below Voluntary Contributions.

Costs are kept down to a minimum as many educational visits/visitors are subsidised by the School Fund and the PTA. However, current visits are likely to cost £10 to £20. KS2 residential visits cost £180-£220. (We offer the opportunity to take part in 2 residential visits throughout KS2, but there is no expectation that pupils must take part).

Some after school activities such as sports clubs have charges; they range from £1 to £4 per session.

School can financially support some individuals if required. Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant have residential visits subsidised via the grant.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits which 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.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

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 charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to write in confidence to the headteacher and the school will seek ways to support the activities for the pupil where possible.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons and make a charge for these lessons. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to write in confidence to the headteacher. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

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. We make no charge for this activity. 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.

Additional Entitlement: Pupils who receive Free School Meals and/or the Pupil Premium Grant (not Universal Infant Free School Meals)

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals receive a free hot meal each day and are eligible for free music lessons.

The school can offset extra charges, e.g. residential visits, travel expenses to attend activities, 1:1 tuition, after school activities etc for pupils who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant. Those receiving Free School Meals also receive the Pupil Premium Grant.

Please talk to the Headteacher in confidence if more information is required.

General School Meals

Pupils who are not eligible for Free School Meals

School meals can be purchased by parents via the parentmail app. The cost of these school meals is clearly communicated to parents before the beginning of the next academic year or prior to this if the cost increases.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

If pupils are in Key Stage 1 or are registered to receive free school meals, then there is no charge for a daily hot meal.