



Charging Policy

2024-25

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Introduction

The Governors of Intack Primary School believe that all pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra-curricular) independent of their parents' financial means. In line with extended school regulation's this policy describes how the school will best ensure a good range of visits and activities are offered and, at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities.

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 or visits, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers 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/carers have not paid a contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent/carer 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 subsidise the visit.

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

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

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses

- visits to the theatre
- school trips offsite, class trips
- musical events
- visits by theatre groups
- outdoor adventure activities
- residential visits

Parents/carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/activities and school will provide details of how each individual contribution amount has been determined. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

The school will endeavor to offer the children a range of optional extra-curricular activities to widen their experience, many of these will be offered without charge. Parents may be asked for contributions if the activity is run by an outside specialist.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly linked to the national curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or the travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the cost of board and lodging and may invite voluntary contributions to meet other costs associated with the visit. Parents/ carers who receive specific state benefits are exempt from charges of board and lodgings and specific details of exemptions will be provided at the time the residential visit details are notified.

Parents/carers will be given advanced notice of proposed residential visit opportunities together with an early indication of charges and voluntary contribution requests and staged payments may be arranged.

Music tuition

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

Visiting music teachers may offer individual or small group music tuition at times during the school year which is additional to the national curriculum. We may offer this additional music tuition experience free of charge if it is felt that the child, of specific groups within school, may benefit and it impacts upon other areas of their learning. We give Parents information about such opportunities. We have a choir, led by staff. No charge is made for this tuition.

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 or the associated transport costs. We inform parents /carers when these lessons are to take place and we ask for written permission for their child to take part in the lessons.

Nursery Fees

For children who attend our school Nursery Class the education provided is provided free of charge, for up to 15 hours, or 30 hours (if eligible) to parents and carers. Additional hours will be charged at £5.00 per hour (subject to availability).

School Meals

Schools dinners are cooked on site and costs are reviewed annually, the current charge is £2:30 per meal. If your child is eligible for Universal Infant school meals and/ or Pupil Premium Free school meals there is no charge for school meals.

Breakfast Club

A small fee is charged per child for each session attended, the charge is currently £2.00 per day there is a reduced rate for more then one sibling attending.

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