

Longparish Church of England Primary School

Policy for Charging for School Activities

Aims

In Charging for School Activities the school aims that:

- ◆ Charges are kept to the minimum necessary to cover essential costs.
- ◆ A wide range of optional extra-curricular activities should be provided, to be covered by charges where necessary.

Legal context

The Education Act 1996 describes activities which can be charged for. Education during normal school hours must be free. The Governors may charge for instrumental music tuition, for activities wholly or mainly outside school hours, as long as they are optional extras, and for board and lodging on residential courses.

Educational Outings

When educational outings are arranged in school hours, parents are asked to make voluntary contributions towards the cost. To date, sufficient contributions have been received to make the outings viable. If this were not the case such activities would not be able to take place. We appreciate the support of parents in making this possible. On day outings, children who normally receive free school meals are entitled to a packed lunch provided by the school.

Residential Visits

When Residential Visits are arranged, charges are normally made for board and lodging and activities outside school hours. Further details are available on request.

Design Technology

Children have the opportunity to cook. Children are asked to bring a nominal amount per session to cover the cost of the ingredients.

Occasionally, children may be asked to contribute a nominal sum towards the cost of certain DT activities which involve expensive materials.

Music Tuition

Weekly instrument lessons are available to children who express an interest in playing these instruments. Peripatetic teachers teach these. There is a charge for these lessons.

Forest School

Forest School lessons are run in conjunction with Longparish Little School. Parents are asked to contribute towards the costs. If the costs are not recouped by parental contributions, unfortunately this activity will not be able to take place.

After School Activities

We offer a wide range of extra-curricula activities, and work closely with parents and other members of the local community to provide these activities. The range of activities offered varies from time to time. Where necessary, there are charges for these activities.

Use of the Community Hall and associated facilities

The charging policy for these facilities is the responsibility of the Finance and Premises Committee, subject to approval by the Governors.