

# **Mordiford C E Primary School**

## **Charging Policy**

### **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.

### **Voluntary contributions**

When organising school trips or visiting speakers/artists, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may be forced to 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.

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:

- Visits to museums;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- School trips abroad;
- Musical events.

### **Music tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school 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. Hereford Music Service charges for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

The school runs a number of After School activities. The majority of these are run by the school staff who do not charge for their time. Consequently we do not charge for these and they are open to all pupils in all groups. There may be an occasion where materials are needed to run the club e.g. cookery. Parents are asked to contribute to this cost as this cannot be funded by the school budget or individual teacher.

Extra curricular activities run by T A's or professional coaches are charged for. The school makes no profit from this. The charge to parents covers costs incurred by the leader of each session.

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