

Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J & I 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 some individual or small-group music tuition. However a voluntary contribution may be asked towards some visits and any transport needed.

Voluntary Contributions

Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J & I School endorses the principles of the 1988 Education Act in maintaining the right to free education for all children. The act allows us to request voluntary contributions to broaden children's educational experience. Such enriching activities are an important aspect in supporting the curriculum. Non-contribution would not prejudice a pupil's place, however, unless the overwhelming majority of parents were prepared to make a contribution, the school may have to cancel the activity.

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 organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to or by museums/ educational centres
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre and musical companies
- field study visits

Residential Trips

Such trips necessitate a higher level of funding but are invaluable in giving the children first hand educational experiences and in helping them to develop greater self-confidence and awareness of others. Payments can be made in instalments at parents' convenience. Voluntary contributions will, in all circumstances, be invited through individual letters to parents.

Extra-Curricular Activities

In order to cover the costs of extra-curricular activities, school reserves the right to charge for activities which take place out of school time.

Damage to Property

Deliberate, neglectful or wilful acts which result in breakage or damage to school property will be charged for at a rate appropriate to replacement costs.

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 small-group tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. Kirklees Music School makes a charge for these lessons, Kirklees Music School accepts the Kirklees Priority Passport which gives a maximum discount of £30 per term. Parents can learn more about music tuition by contacting the school office.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for Key Stage 2 children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place. There is no charge to parents.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored by the Governing Body and will be regularly reviewed in line with Government and Local Authority guidelines.

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