

Cronton Church of England Primary School Charging Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips/visits or activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip/activity. 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised 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.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises an educational residential visit in school time or mainly school time, we do make a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodgings. Parents may choose to opt out of this if they wish and their child will be educated in school for that period.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 The school currently offers instrumental tuition to pupils at Key Stage 2 under a Service Level Agreement paid by the school. There is not usually a charge for individual or group music tuition. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. The school reserves the right to make charges for peripatetic teaching in the future. Parents would be given notice of this.

5 Swimming

5.1 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.

6 Use of school Building

The school offers use of the building and school premises to the Parent, Teachers & Friends Association for fund raising activities. No charge is made to the PTFA for this use.

Cronton Mission Church uses the school building for Sunday Worship Services each week, and by arrangement with the Headteacher. A contribution is made on an annual basis for this use. This is shown as an income in the school budget share account.

Policy as agreed at Governing Body Meeting

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