



The Laurels Primary School Charging Policy 2020-2021

The Laurels Primary School is committed to providing a whole range of activities for all students to enhance their curriculum experiences.

This policy sets out The Laurels Primary School's rationale on charging for school activities and is reviewed on an annual basis. It is based on legislation from 'Charging for school activities' October 2014.

Aim

This policy makes clear what arrangements are in place to promote the full involvement of all students in school life, regardless of their parents' ability to pay.

Music tuition

Provision of instrumental and vocal tuition, which takes place during the school day and which has been requested by parents/guardians is chargeable. Tuition which is part of the National Curriculum in which the whole class engages with the Programme of Study is not chargeable. There will be no charge for instrumental and vocal tuition for Children Looked After.

Voluntary contributions

In general, no charge can be made for education during school hours. School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the students' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. Parents will be invited, in writing, to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of any activity, out of school visit, or a theatre education performance in school, which is not an optional extra. If insufficient contributions are made, the visit or event may not take place.

The school may ask for provision of materials/ingredients for subjects such as Art & Design or Food Technology, where pupils take home a finished product. The charges will not exceed actual cost.

Any parent in receipt of income support, income-based job seekers allowance, family tax credit, disabled persons tax credit or any demonstrable financial difficulties, will be invited to seek support with their contribution, in confidence, via the Headteacher.

Residential activities

Parents are expected to meet the full cost of activities which take place more than 50% out of school time. If the activity is organised to meet the requirements of the syllabus of a public examination, parents are expected to cover the cost of board and lodging, and invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport and other items.

Full charges will be made for any residential trips taken outside of school time. This includes transport, board and lodging for residential visits and extended day services. Charges will not exceed actual costs.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium fund will be used to financially support the curriculum experience and enrichment activities (as outlined in this policy) of disadvantaged students, in any way it can. Any requests to use this funding in this way must be discussed and agreed with the Headteacher with responsibility for this fund. Charges may be fully or partially remitted.

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