

GEORGE STREET PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions



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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 with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

Costs for enrichment activities are often met directly by the school such as science workshops and school theatre performances, however on some occasions parents and carers may be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards such activities

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may 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.

- 2.2 If a parent is asked to accompany their child or to be a helper on the trip, school covers this cost. If parents are invited to go on the trip/ attend an event with their child parents will be charged. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The office staff produce a summary showing the contributions received and the associated costs incurred for each trip/event where contributions are requested. 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 e.g swimming;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education of pupils during this time. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging. Parents whose children are in receipt of free school meals receive discounted rates.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Grant funding is often used to subsidise whole school music tuition in a range of instruments.

4.2 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. Charges for these lessons will be made directly to Gwent Music Service from September 2017. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 5 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 Coaches

6.1 We normally charge children if they are transported in a coach or minibus to an extra-curricular activity *including swimming*. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

7. Hire of School facilities- School currently has no internal lettings

8. Commission

From time to time parents may be offered the opportunity of purchasing items such as photographs where a small commission is paid to the school by the seller. This goes into the school fund account.

9 Non-Uniform Days

Non uniform days are held to raise money for charity. Pupils are asked to make a voluntary donation for the right to wear casual or themed clothes. Pupils may elect to wear uniform if they prefer.

10. Dinner Money

Whilst the school is involved in the collection of dinner money and distribution of information notes to parents relating to monies owed, it will not become directly involved in any other matters relating to debt collection.

11. After School Clubs

No charge is made for attendance at after school clubs, however where pupils are making products to be taken home for example in cookery, a small charge is made to cover the cost of the ingredients.

Signed:

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