
Policy on Charging

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Pardes House Primary
School

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. 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 which is paid directly to LB Of Barnet.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and 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 and carers. 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 or by a theatre company;
 - musical events.
 - Football club
- 2.4 The following is a list of additional activities which require voluntary contribution from parents and carers. The following activities are classed as 'non optional extra'. This list is not exhaustive:
- Security
 - Lice checks

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we suggest a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging and activities, although parents and carers who are unable to afford the cost of the trip are invited to make a contribution or in other cases of hardship, a decision may be taken to make no charge at all. However, if we cannot raise sufficient funding through these

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voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 There is a charge for individual or small-group music 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. London Borough of Barnet make a charge for these lessons. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 School minibus

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

6 Monitoring and review

- 6.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every three years, or earlier if necessary.

Signed:

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Review: February 2019