

Charging Policy



The Valley Community School

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Our Vision Statement

“A world class centre of outstanding learning”

To achieve this we:

- are embracing the principles of lifelong learning, best use of new technology and “visible learning”
- are developing an international understanding of our place in the world
- are developing leaders and critical thinkers of tomorrow
- are meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum 2014

School Mission Statement

“Together we’re better”

Our guiding principles are:

- we work closely with our community
- we broaden our pupils’ perspectives
- we teach understanding and respect for others
- we value everyone’s abilities and support each other

THE VALLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL – CHARGING POLICY

Introduction

Educational experiences should be accessible to all our children. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the delivery of the National Curriculum in school. The Valley School does, however, provide a range of activities in order to enrich children's learning.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, visits or specialist speakers/workshops, 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, either the school will subsidise the trips and activities or they may be cancelled.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a trips or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support activities. Parents have a right to know how each trip, visit or events are funded. The school provides this information on request.

Additional activities organised by the school include:

- Visits to museums and theatres;
- Sporting events;
- Musical performances.

Residential Visits

The school organises a residential visit which is to provide education directly related to outdoor and adventurous activities. This trip takes place mainly over a weekend. We make a charge to cover the cost of travel expenses, board and lodging.

Extra Curricular Clubs

A wide range of clubs is offered after school, the vast majority of which are free. When a specialist teacher or qualified coach runs and organises these sessions a small charge will be made. The school also organises swimming lessons for children in KS2. these take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

Mini Bus Charges

The school will charge for local trips/visits at a rate of £1.50 per child per visit within Bolton and £3 per child per visit beyond, this is to cover the minibus expenditure and not to make a profit.

In the event that the mini buses are used as extra transport to supplement hired coaches, then the cost will be calculated so everyone pays the same regardless of whether they travel on the coach or the mini bus.

Book bags / yellow jackets

The school will charge £2 per yellow jacket, book bags/PE bags are £3 each, (£5 for both).

Lost Books

The school will charge for any books that are lost, the charge will be £5 per book.

School Holiday Camps

The school will charge a set fee for the use of the facilities. This is a new initiative and will be reviewed each year. October 2014 half term Mr S Carroll will be using the schools facilities and the charge will be £50 for the week.

CONCLUSION

Charges are used only to cover the expenses of a trip, visit or activity, and not to make profit.

Changes

March 2017 - trips inside Bolton now £1.50 and £3.00 outside of Bolton