

Charging Policy

Introduction

The Governing Body of Lemington Riverside Primary School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards children's education.

We aim to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the children of the school and as additional optional extras.

Charges

- We may charge for activities that are outside of the school curriculum and are not related in whole or in part to the National Curriculum (for example, full or partial costs of residential visits outside school hours)
- Any charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity divided equally by the number of children participating in the activity.
- A voluntary charge may be levied for out of school visits relating to the curriculum – see voluntary contributions below

Swimming

As part of our PE curriculum we use West Denton pool to provide swimming lessons to children in Year 4. The cost of swimming is met by the school. We ask parents /carers for a contribution towards transport costs. Depending on numbers we may offer extra swimming to year 5 or year 3 children

Breakages and damage

Parents / carers will be asked to pay for the cost of replacement or repair of any property, where the school considers the damage or loss to be caused by the child. This includes lost or damaged library books.

Voluntary contributions

Parents/carers may be invited to make a voluntary contribution for certain activities taking place inside or outside school hours, providing it is made clear that failure to contribute will not affect the child's right to take part in any activity.

The types of activities for which parents may be asked to provide a voluntary contribution are:

- School visits
- Transport costs
- Ingredients for cookery
- Plays or performances within school

This list only provides examples, it is not complete.

The school reserves the right to cancel an event or visit if sufficient voluntary contributions are not received. In any case where an activity cannot be afforded without voluntary funding, this will be made clear to the parents /

carers by the school. If the activity is cancelled, all monies paid will be returned to parents/ carers.

Conclusion

We support every child to achieve their full potential; socially, morally and educationally. Providing additional activities is an important aspect of this. The contributions made by parents allow us to offer more opportunities. We will continue to make charges and ask for voluntary contributions where appropriate and always ensure that it is undertaken sensitively.

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