

Chase Lane Primary School & Nursery Unit

CHARGING POLICY



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School Education Trips

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities, enthusiasts/experts bring to the curriculum, including clubs, trips and residential experiences, can make towards pupils' personal, social and academic education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum, and as additional activities.

The Governing Body has devised a charging policy: -

Contributions may be asked towards the cost of:

- i. Any activity which takes place during the school day;*
- ii. School equipment;*
- iii. School funds generally*

However, substantial contributions will be necessary for any activity of the above to proceed. The decision to proceed is at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

A contribution is not required from children who are entitled to free school meals and whose family is entitled to any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Residential Trips

Voluntary contributions will be requested as above but there will be a cancellation or reduction of these charges as follows:

A contribution is not required from children who are entitled to free school meals and whose family is entitled to any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

A reduced contribution of 50% will apply to any child falling within the Ever 6 category (eligible for Free School Meals in any of the previous six years)

If your child / children cancel their place on the Residential trip the school will only issue a part refund or no refund. This will be dependent on the time scale; reasons for cancellation and whether the school has already part / fully paid the provider.

Clubs before and after school

Each term clubs are organised for the children. The list of available clubs is circulated to parents via SchoolPing.

The charge for clubs is currently £2.00 per child per week but this will increase to £3.00 from 1/9/2023. If you are in receipt of free school meals, there will be no charge.

Without the parental contribution or proof of any of the above benefits, the place may be lost or offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Music Lessons

Music lessons are offered to children for various instruments. The school subsidises these lessons and a contribution is requested by parents to help towards the cost of providing these lessons. From the 1/9/23 the cost per lesson is £5.00

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- Income Support
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A reduced contribution of 50% will apply to any child falling within the Ever 6 category (eligible for Free School Meals in any of the previous six years)

Without the parental contribution or proof of any of the above benefits, music lessons will be offered to anyone on the waiting list.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all children but the places are limited.

The charge is currently £3.00 per day but will increase to £5.00 per day from 1/9/2023. Once a child is allocated a place, the daily charge will be added to ParentPay. Charges will still be made for non-attendance or until the place is cancelled.

- Refunds will not normally be possible unless your child is asked to leave the club, is off school through serious illness/injury or if a child is allocated a place and then changes his/her mind.

*This policy is reviewed every year or earlier if necessary.
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