



Lymington Junior School Charging Policy

Introduction

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.

Voluntary contributions

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 find it necessary to cancel an event. Children whose parents have not made a contribution will not be excluded from any event. Parents have a right to know how each event is funded. The school will provide this information.

After School Clubs

The school offers a range of after school clubs that are led by staff at the school. Most of these activities are offered free of charge (a small fee for material costs may be charged). In addition there are several after school clubs that are led by outside commercial organisations. Qualified instructors, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. The organising companies make a charge for these activities. This money does not enter the school accounts, but is paid straight to the company by the parents.

Stay & Play Child Care Provision

The school provides child care facilities as part of its commitment to supporting families through the extended school agenda. The club provides breakfast and after school child care and is not part of the schools educational provision. Any parent wishing to access this child care must agree to the terms and conditions of the club which includes fees and payment options.

Residential visits

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 teaching/instruction. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who are unable to afford the full cost of the visit are able to negotiate with the Headteacher to either spread the payments over a period of time or to have the cost of the trip subsidised by the school. This agreement will be put in writing with an agreed payment plan. All parents will be asked to make a contribution of a minimum of 50%, to include the non-refundable deposit. The school will support parents with the cost of one residential visit per child during their time at the school. All agreed costs must be paid before the date of the trip.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers from Hampshire Music Service teach individual or small groups and make a charge for these lessons. Information about additional music tuition is given at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons currently for all Year 3 Children and Year 6 non-swimmers. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. A voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport to and from the pool is requested.

Pupil Premium

Premium funds are allocated to the school based upon FSM, CLA, adopted or service children. This fund is intended to help support these children to ensure they are making good academic progress as data shows that this group of children are at risk of making poor academic progress. How this money is spent is down to the school. At LJS the Governors have agreed that the majority of this money is focused on staff/training and direct academic/emotional support however a percentage is held back to ensure these children get the same access to wider learning experiences and are not socially excluded.

It is agreed that, on occasion, these children are offered residential visits at half price; any further reduction would need to be agreed by HT. In addition the school may support children with the cost of other activities if it is identified as a need that would support their emotional/academic progress.

Monitoring & Review of Policy

It is the responsibility of the Resources Committee to evaluate and review this policy annually and make any changes required.

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