

Copeland Road Primary School
Policy Statement for Charging for School Activities

At Copeland Road Primary School we want to provide a range of experiences which add excitement and enjoyment to the children's learning and personal development. All of our pupils should have equal opportunity to benefit from such activities.

Voluntary Contributions

In order to finance such visits and activities, the school will invite parents to make a voluntary contribution, of approximately the average cost per child, towards the total costs of such visits and activities. No child will be excluded from such activities planned to take place during educational time simply because parents have not made a contribution toward the costs. However, because of limited resources, the school reserves the right to cancel any activity for which it feels unable to bear the discrepancy between contributions and costs. We will tell parents at the outset if the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions. We will give as much notice as possible of any activities which will require voluntary contributions.

The cost of visits to the school by theatre and other educational groups to the school, will be borne as far as possible by the school's finances but for all other visits and activities which are not wholly within school hours and planned as an integral part of the curriculum for all children, the school adopts the Local Authorities Policies for Charging and Remission.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and make no charge for this activity.

Charging for Optional Extras

We may charge for any materials, books, instruments or equipment if parents wish their child to own them. This means we will make a charge for:

- Some materials used in technology if your child is expecting to bring the finished product home
- Trips which are not part of the school curriculum and outside of the school day eg. theatre, trips, music concerts etc.
- After school clubs

The charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra. We will obtain parents agreement before we provide the optional extra.

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 education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to contact the Head Teacher.