

Bridstow CE Primary School Charging Policy

Charging for School Activities

On 1st April 1989 it became illegal to charge for school activities which take place largely in school time. Sometimes, however, funds are such that some worthwhile activities cannot take place without financial assistance from parents/carers. Section 118 of the Education Reform Act does not restrict schools from seeking voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or any school activity.

We have the following general charging policy:

1. Where the school wishes to take part in activities where charging is not permitted, and there are insufficient funds to meet the cost of such activities, the school will seek voluntary contributions from parents/ carers.
2. The Head Teacher will decide what proportion of the cost of an activity can be requested and charged to public and non-public funds.
3. Where parental financial support is needed, a letter will be sent to parents/carers, setting out the nature of the activity and the individual contribution sought.
4. There is no obligation for parents/ carers to contribute. Children of non-contributing parents/ carers will be treated no differently from children of contributing parents/carers.
5. Should insufficient funds be raised, these activities will not take place, and parents/carers will be advised accordingly.