



Brampton Abbots CE Primary School



Bridstow CE Primary School



Oak Meadow Federation

Charging Policy

This policy will be reviewed and updated by the Governing Body at least every three years. All references to 'the school' imply both Brampton Abbots and Bridstow Primary Schools.

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Signed Daniel Brearey, Headteacher

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Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, except for some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 School trips or visits are organised to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, and the school may invite parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. The school will often pay additional costs to support the visit. However, if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

2.2 A trip may include children whose parents or carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, although parents and carers who receive state benefits are exempt from this charge. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents and carers in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of transport. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

6 Sports Coaching

6.1 The school offers additional sports coaching after school e.g. football, gymnastics. Qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.