

Willow Tree Community Primary School



Charging Policy

Curriculum Enhancement

During their children's time in school parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards costs related to educational visits during the school day (non-residential), perishable items used in the curriculum, or theatre groups or other visitors who visit school. In Years 5 and 6 they are asked to pay for their child to attend the Bewerley Park and East Barnby Residential visits although there are some subsidies available. These activities are planned to extend the curriculum for the classes involved.

Parents/carers will be separately informed in each instance.

During their time at Willow Tree each child will have the opportunity to attend four school trips – one per phase - where a parental contribution of between £10 and £20 may be requested. All other visits will be in the local area and will as far as possible have no cost or a very small contribution. These visits are built into our Medium Term Planning and parents will be made aware at the beginning of the year when the visits are and what the contribution will be.

No child will be prevented from involvement in any activity if a contribution is not forthcoming, but, should insufficient money be received to cover costs, the activity will not take place.

For visits and visitors the amount asked for may include entrance fees, the cost of workshops and transport. The total cost will be divided equally between the number of children expected to attend. No parent will be in the position of subsidising another child's place.

Financial contributions for each event will be reviewed in time to avoid any cancellation penalty. Contributions should cover at least 80% of the amount required for each visit or visitor, unless other arrangements were already in place, for example, some theatre group visits are supported by the PTFA. Parents will be informed of the deadline for contributions when the request is made.

The Governors feel that it is appropriate to ask parents for a donation on average no more than once a term and that in total no more than £25 in a year.

Swimming

At present swimming remains free of charge. The Governors reserve the right to return to asking for contributions towards pool costs in the future.

No child will be prevented from attending swimming lessons if no contribution is forthcoming.

After School Activities

After school activities may have a charge attached. Where possible some clubs and subsidised places are provided free of charge through grants associated with extended schools funding.

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