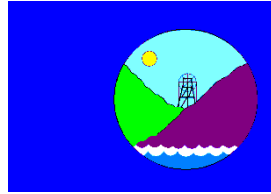


Lingdale Primary School
and
Lingdale Primary School Two Year Old Provision



Charging Policy

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Signed: _____ (Chair of Governing Body)

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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 some individual or small-group music tuition. However a voluntary contribution may be asked towards some visits and transport needed.

Voluntary Contributions

Lingdale Primary School endorses the principles of the 1988 Education Act in maintaining the right to free education for all children. The act allows us to request voluntary contributions to broaden children's educational experience. Non-contribution would not prejudice a pupil's place.

Enriching activities are an important aspect in supporting the curriculum and no charges will be made.

Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Residential Visits

Such trips necessitate a higher level of funding but are invaluable in giving the children first hand educational experiences and in helping them to develop greater self-confidence and awareness of others. Since the introduction of the pupil premium grant school has allocated funding from this grant within the budget to fund all residential visits.

Damage to Property

The school will cover accidental breakages of school property. Deliberate or wilful acts which result in breakage or damage to school property will be charged for at a rate appropriate to replacement costs.

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 small-group 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. Tees Valley Music Service makes a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

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

Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored by the Governing Body and will be reviewed in two years or earlier if necessary.