



Cavendish Community Primary School Charging Policy 2024

Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities - including clubs, practical activities, trips and residential experiences - can make towards pupils' personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity. If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unable to make a voluntary contribution, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity as long as parental/carer consent has been given. If appropriate and funds allow, the school or PTA may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit.

Nursery Funding

If a child qualifies for 15 hours, parents can top up to a full-time place by paying an additional £22 per day. If a child qualifies for 30 free hours childcare, this funds 6 hours of a child's school day in our setting. A child actually attends school for 6 hours and 30 minutes each school day, this means there is a small lunchtime supervision charge of £2.50 per day to cover the unfunded 30 minutes. If a child is entitled to FSM, Cavendish may be able to offer a free full-time place.

Cavendish can accept tax-free childcare vouchers in payment of childcare hours.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum, including 2 years of free Wider Opportunities provision in recorder and guitar. We do not charge for this. However there is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the curriculum. We give parents/carers information about additional music tuition in readiness for the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all KS2 children. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the curriculum. There is no charge to parents/carers for these lessons.

Residential Visits

The school organises an annual residential visit for Year 6 children. The cost of this trip includes board & lodging, transport, instruction and charges for any activities to be experienced. Voluntary contributions for these trips are requested from parents. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed for practical subjects such as food technology or DT is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients and materials if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards e.g. food products, models containing electrical equipment or batteries. The school will inform parents prior to activities, giving them the choice to pay for materials or purchase their own materials for the activity.

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost books
- replacement reading or homework diaries
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour.

Equal Opportunities

The governing body confirms that due regard is given to equal opportunities, and no child or adult will be discriminated against on grounds of ability/disability, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexuality

Review

There will be a bi-annual review of this policy by the Resources Committee.