

Waterbeach Community Primary School



Charging Policy

Date approved by Governors: 12 Jan 2022

Date for review: Jan 2023

CHARGING POLICY

As a school funded by Cambridgeshire Local Education Authority, we seek to meet the costs of all educational activities undertaken by our pupils. During the school year we also raise extra money for educational activities and to support school improvement priorities through a variety of fund-raising activities or by application for grants from sources available.

However, it is occasionally necessary to ask parents to offer a voluntary contribution to the costs of valuable activities and experiences. These costs are communicated to parents and carers long before the event. By supporting the school with these costs we are able to offer a wider range of activities than would otherwise be possible.

No child will be excluded if they have not paid for any trip that is part of the curriculum. Residential trip are not included within this, as alternatives can be offered in school. The school wishes to make it clear that should insufficient funds be raised to cover the costs, then visits and activities may need to be cancelled.

Calculating charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating.

Children who are entitled to the Pupil Premium Funding (FSM, LAC and PLAC only) allocation will not be charged for school trips – these costs will be met through the school budget. The exception to this is where the child is taking part in a residential trip. The school will pay the price of the trip, except for the first £50.

Optional activities outside of the school day

We will charge for optional, extra activities provided outside of the school day, for example sports clubs run by external organisations. This includes residential trips. Such activities are not part of the National Curriculum or religious education, nor are they part of an examination syllabus.