



Charging Policy

Our Vision

From tiny seeds, we grow and learn together

Our school vision is inspired by the parable of the mustard seed. When planted and nurtured by a loving community, every seed can grow and flourish.

Our school is like the mustard tree; a place where all are valued and belong.

Our children are like tiny seeds; in good soil they can grow as loving, courageous and joyful individuals, ready to branch out and be good news in an ever-changing world.

Our team of gardeners enable each unique child to flourish, removing barriers, and supporting growth.

Little people can do big things through love, courage and joy

Jesus told them a parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a tiny mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds but becomes the largest of plants, and grows into a tree where birds can come and find shelter."

Introduction

This document is a statement of the principles governing charging for school activities at Crookham Infant School.

Legal Context

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 set out the law on charging for school activities. As a general rule, schools cannot charge for education provided during school hours. However, voluntary contributions from parents can be sought for activities which incur expenses outside the normal running costs of the school.

Activities which are an essential part of the National Curriculum EYFS or KS1

No charge will be made for activities which form an essential part of the National Curriculum, but parents may be invited to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of a particular event.

Activities which are an enhancement to or enrichment of the National Curriculum EYFS or KS1

All such activities will be self-financing as far as possible.

Parents will be asked whether they will support the activity by paying a voluntary contribution; it will be made clear that the viability of the activity may depend on sufficient voluntary support.

If the final charge is unknown, an estimate and a maximum possible amount will be requested.

When giving details of the activity and requesting payment parents will be informed that their contribution is voluntary. Children whose parents do not pay the voluntary contribution will not be treated differently from other children.

Refunds for non-attendance, for whatever reason, will only be made of the actual costs incurred as a result of the non-attendance. For example, the entrance fee may be repaid, but the share in the cost of the coach will not be repaid.

Activities other than those above

All parents will be informed that the activity does not form part of the National Curriculum implementation and that participation is voluntary and dependant on payment.

Further information

Voluntary contributions will not be sought from pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. Consideration of a reduced payment may be given to the parents of siblings within the same year group (e.g. twins, triplets) as appropriate.

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