



Alma Park Primary School

Achievement Partnership Success

Alma Park Charging Policy 2017 – 2018

1. Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum

2. Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. Although if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents/carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents/carers have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, known as 'optional extras', which require voluntary contributions from parents/carers. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities which require expenses from outside providers and paid directly to the outside provider by parents/carers
- outdoor adventure activities; e.g Ghyll Head outdoor Activity Centre of which the Governors have allocated 50% of the total cost reducing the overall cost to parents/carers

3. Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents/carers are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the headteacher.

4. Music Tuition

4.1 Music lessons does not incur a charge as these are part of the National Curriculum. However external providers charge for peripatetic music lessons.

5. Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity as the total cost for transport and swimming is allocated within the budget each year. We inform parents/carers when these lessons are to take place.

6. Private Functions

6.1 Any bookings that are taken for private functions a deposit of 50% of the charge will be required at the time of booking

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