

November 2015

Ashmead Primary School

Charging Policy

Sections 106-111 and 117-118 of the Education Reform Act relating to charges for school activities came into force on 1st April 1989. This legislation means, that in law parents can only be asked for a voluntary contribution for any activity undertaken within normal school hours. The two main exceptions to this are board and lodging for residential trips and charges for individual or group music tuition.

The school policy on charging for activities is as follows:

Responsibility of the School

All educational materials normally required in school will be provided. If a child wishes to make an item requiring costly materials, a contribution may be sought before it is begun.

For educational visits during the school day a voluntary contribution may be sought before the trip is organised. If sufficient support is not available the trip may be cancelled.

The legislation states we can only charge for board and lodgings when over 50% of the trip occurs outside school sessions (measured in half day units). Educational journeys of more than one day requiring board and lodging will therefore be charged for.

A charge will be made for instrumental music teaching in a single or shared lesson. The current charges are subsidised. For the use of a Borough school instrument there will be a charge.

Any request for parental contributions will be made by letter giving all relevant details well in advance.

Responsibility of the Parent/Carer

To provide all items of clothing, such as uniform/ swimming costume/ aprons/sports wear.

The school reserves the right to charge for willful breakages or damage.

Parents will be asked to make a contribution for loss of school materials.

Parents needing assistance with any of the above please approach the school and we will try to help.

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This policy will be reviewed at least once every two years.

The next review date will be no later than 16 November 2017.