



Charging Policy

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1. Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. The instances where a charge will be made or a voluntary contribution will be requested are as follows:-

1. Any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him / her to own them outright;
2. Music and vocal tuition in certain circumstances (See section 3 below)
3. Optional extras (see section 4 below)
4. Residential Trips (see section 5 below)
5. Extra-Curricular activities/clubs (see section 6 below)

2. Swimming

Egerton C P school organises swimming lessons for children during Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

3. Music tuition

All children study music as part of the school curriculum. No charge is made for this provision. Egerton CP School offers individual music lessons and welcomes peripatetic music teachers from Bolton Music Service to teach individual or small group lessons. There is a charge associated with these lessons/instrument hire. Information on charges is available directly from Bolton Music Service.

4. Optional extras

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the trip, we will endeavour to make up the shortfall from school funds/fundraising. In instances where we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the trip and are unable to make up the shortfall by another means, we may have to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent 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 have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

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

- visits to museums, centres of worship etc.
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre or theatre groups visiting school
- visitors to school providing 'theme days', e.g. Birds of Prey, Science sessions
- school trips
- musical events

5. Residential Trips

Should Egerton CP School arrange a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, the aim of 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. Parents of pupils who are eligible for Statutory Free School Meals⁽¹⁾ can request assistance in meeting the cost of this residential visit and should arrange a confidential meeting with the Head Teacher to discuss this matter.

6. Extra-Curricular Activities

At Egerton C P School we are pleased to offer a variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the school year. These activities are optional. Where an external provider is brought in to provide an activity and there is a charge associated with the provision, these charges will be set out clearly on a letter inviting participation.

Summary

Our aim at Egerton CP School is to provide a rich and challenging learning environment for our pupils. Where charges are levied for certain activities, these will be wholly in line with DfE guidelines 'Charging for School Activities'.

(1) Please note that this only applies to Statutory Free School Meals. This does not include the Universal Infant Free School Meals introduced in September 2014 which gives eligibility for all pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 to a free school meal.