



Charging Policy 2016

The Governing Body of Greenleas Primary School has adopted the following policy in connection with the matter of charging for school activities.

- 1 The governing body endorses the policy of the Wirral Local Education Authority in respect of the principal that education provided by this school should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by his/her parent's ability or willingness to pay or contribute towards the cost of the pupil's education.
- 2 Pupils will not pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment which they use for education provided during school hours. However, we may charge for, or ask for, ingredients or materials for practical subjects, if parents have said they wish to own the finished product.
- 3 There is a charge for pupils receiving instrumental tuition in groups up to six. These costs may be subsidised for children in receipt of Free School Meals.
- 4 Parents may be asked for payment towards the cost of repairing or replacing any part of the fabric of the school or any item of school property which has been damaged or lost as a result of their child's behaviour.
- 5 School trips and visits form an important part of the curriculum offered by our school. Parents will not be charged for trips/visits which take place during school time, but may be asked to make voluntary contributions towards their costs. No pupils will be excluded from a school trip because of his/her parents' unwillingness or inability to contribute, but it is hoped that parents will feel able to support the school in its efforts to provide a full and interesting curriculum for all its pupils. If the contributions made are not sufficient to enable a planned trip to take place, the Headteacher may cancel the trip or make such changes to the organisation of the trip as he/she thinks necessary.
- 6 When the trip involves an overnight stay, the school can charge for board and lodging. If however, the parent is in receipt of Income Support, Income based Jobseeker's Allowance, Disability Working Allowance or Working Tax Credit then no charge will be made for board and lodging.
- 7 Parents may be charged for activities defined as 'optional extras', that is, activities which are provided mainly out of school hours and which are not part of the school curriculum. If parents would like their children to take part in such activities but are unable to meet the cost, financial assistance may be available; the Headteacher is happy to talk to parents in confidence about the possibility.
- 8 School receives additional funding for 'Pupil Premium'. This money is spent on children who have been on the Free School Meals register over the last six years or are 'Looked After Children'. The funding is intended to be used to improve the children's achievement and to ensure the full participation in all elements of school life. This funding can be used to support parents with any charges made.