



# Shadsworth Infant School

## Charging Policy

### 1 Introduction

The Governors of Shadsworth Infant School believe that all pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra-curricular) independent of their parents' financial means. In line with extended schools regulations this policy describes how the school will best ensure a good range of visits and activities are offered and, at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities.

**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. 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 subsidise 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, which require voluntary contributions from parents/carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- visits to the theatre
- school trips offsite
- musical events
- visits by theatre groups
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### 3 Music tuition

**3.1** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

**3.2** At various times during the year we have a specialist music teacher who teaches weekly throughout school. This specialist teaching is funded from our school budget. There is no charge for this specialist teaching.

**3.2** We operate a Choir which is taught by our music lead Mrs Mason. There is no charge for this tuition.



## **4 Sporting Activity**

- 4.1** The school organises a variety of sports clubs for children before school, at lunchtime and after school. The school funds the cost of the specialist PE coach from our budget and we do not make a charge for children to attend the activities.
- 4.2** When travelling to inter-school competitions transport is provided through the school mini-bus to and from the venue. There is no charge for this transport.
- 4.3** The school organises swimming lessons for year 2. These take place in school time although additional to the National Curriculum at Key Stage 1, we feel are an essential life skill for our children. We make no charge of this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

## **5 Artist in Residence**

- 5.1** The school deploys an artist in residence to teach specialist art lessons and operate an art after school club. This is Miss Hargreaves who also arranges visiting artists to enhance this work. There is no charge for this provision.

## **6 Breakfast**

- 6.1** All children receive a free breakfast under the sponsorship of the charity 'Magic Breakfast'.

## **7 Resources**

- 7.1** Occasionally, a child will lose school property such as a reading scheme book or other resource sent home as a home activity. We will ask parents/carers to reimburse the cost of the missing items. This amount will subsequently be refunded if the missing items are found.

**Signed:**                                      **Head Teacher**  
    **Chair of Finance committee**

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