

GOVERNORS' POLICY ON CHARGING

A statement of policy made by the Governors of Crick Primary School on
'Charges for School Activities'

Crick Primary School endorses the principles of the 1988 Education Act in maintaining the right to free education for all children. The act allows us to request voluntary contributions to broaden children's educational experience.

The school reserves the right to ask parents for voluntary contributions for any activity organised by the school which takes place, wholly or mainly (50% or more) during normal teaching time. Non-contribution would not prejudice a pupil's place, however, unless most parents were prepared to make a contribution, the school may have to cancel the activity. Such enriching activities are an important aspect in supporting the curriculum.

Where an activity is residential the consequent cost of residency will be charged to the parents or legal guardian, any parents or legal guardians who are experiencing financial difficulty will be encouraged to approach the school where we will seek to find assistance with the charges. The Governing Body will determine the special circumstances as appropriate, however, in all cases parents will be expected to make a nominal contribution.

Voluntary contributions will, in all circumstances, be invited through individual letters to parents.

Any school organised activity which takes place mainly (more than 50%) outside of school time will be charged for in such a way as to meet the entire costs of the activity.

The school will cover accidental breakages of school property. Deliberate or wilful acts which result in breakage or damage to school property will be charged for at a rate appropriate to replacement costs.

Music

Where children receive tuition from peripatetic staff, either individually or in a group activity, a direct contract between the providing organisation and the parent is encouraged. However, the school administers the sending of invoices and the collection of payments for such tuition to and from parents. 50% discount is available to pupils whose families are entitled to free school meals.

Swimming

There is a nominal charge for additional services the school chooses to hire for this activity. The charge is passed on to parents.

Other Charges

The Headteacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services, e.g. for providing a copy of an OFSTED report.

The school charging policy will be subject to change if there are new LEA or DfES directives.

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