Courage, Respect and Grace

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Charging Policy 26/27

Oakley CE Junior School

Great expectations for all through courage, respect and grace

Our vision at Oakley is to create great expectations for all, using our Christian values and the teachings of Jesus to allow our children and community to flourish.

Rooted in the Christian belief that every person is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and deeply loved by Him, we are committed to nurturing a community where all can flourish.

Inspired by Jesus's promise of "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10), we set high expectations for every member of our school family — spiritually, academically and socially.

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits and residential experiences can make towards children's personal and social education. At Oakley Church of England Junior School, we aim to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for pupils and also as additional optional extras.

Set out below is the school's policy with regards to charging for these activities, which is in line with current Department for Education legislation.

CHARGES

Charges will be made for the following activities:

- Board and lodging for residential visits e.g. Stubbington
- Transport and all costs associated with educational visits out of school hours
- Music Tuition
- Any materials, books, instruments or equipment where the child's parent/carer wishes to own them. This may include activities in school where the child would like to take home the finished product, e.g. food technology.
- Transport and materials for club activities
- Staffing and supervision of after school clubs which are optional additional extras
- Loss or misuse of school property

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In line with current legislation, the school requests voluntary contributions from parents to help meet costs of the following:

- Transport and all costs associated with residential visits (except board and lodging which is chargeable)
- Transport and all costs associated with educational visits during school hours
- Educational activities
- Consumable items

TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL TIME

When organising school visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. However, if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, it may mean we have to cancel the visit. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents/carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children any differently from any others. If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in a school visit or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we allow the child to participate fully in the visit or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

MUSIC

Charges will be made for group music tuition. In the 2025/2026 school year this will be £87 per term (£261 per year) for all instruments (except recorder) in groups of up to four pupils; recorder tuition will be £27.00 per term (£81 per year). Parents are asked to commit for the whole school year and will be liable for charges for the three terms. Children receiving music tuition will be expected to provide their own musical instruments and music. Hampshire Music Service have a loan service – details are available from the office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs run by teaching/support staff will be charged at £4.00 per session. The club will be charged in full at the beginning of each term.
After school clubs run by an external company will be charged at £5.00 per session. The club will be charged in full at the beginning of each term.

For any club that is cancelled by the school or the external provider, the charge will be refunded to the parent/carer either by credit to their SCO Pay account or cash. All cash refunds would need to be signed for at the school office.

The charges for after school clubs operated by the school will be reviewed at the beginning of each academic year. External clubs will normally review their charges at the beginning of the academic year but reserve the right to change charges if necessary.

Children who are in receipt of free school meals are entitled to attend one after school club per week free of charge.

REMISSIONS

Charges

Remission of charges, in whole or in part, may be offered to families who are in receipt of free school meals.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Parents facing difficulty in meeting requests where costs are involved are invited to speak with the Headteacher.