



Sicklinghall Community Primary School

Charging Policy

Aim

To ensure access for pupils to a wide range of curricular and extra curricular visits and activities that provide opportunities to enhance the National Curriculum and which contribute to a broad and balanced education.

The Policy will be at all times in accordance with 'Charging for school Activities' Departmental advice for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities DfE October 2014.

Guidelines

This policy relates to the method of paying for specialised school activities such as visits, visitors to school, field trips, residential visits and swimming.

With the exception of individual Music Tuition, charges cannot be made for any school activity that is related to the National Curriculum.

In order to fund any such special activities the school may only approach parents of the children involved and request a 'voluntary contribution' to meet the cost. However if any parent is unable or unwilling to contribute to this cost, their child cannot and will not be prevented from taking part.

In a situation where insufficient contributions are received, a decision would have to be taken to subsidise the cost by some other means or cancel the particular activity. The latter would be avoided if at all possible.

In the case of residential visits, the law enables us to charge for the accommodation cost. The remainder (travel, admissions etc...) must be requested as a 'voluntary contribution'.

Adopted

Signed on behalf of Governing Body

Reviewed