



Charging Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions

When organising educational visits or experiences which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We treat children fairly and do not discriminate based on whether or not a contribution has been made. The majority of educational visits and experiences are subsidised by the school.

Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

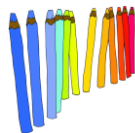
The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre
- residential school trips
- musical events
- visits to school from theatre groups
- visits to school from farms and zoos
- visits to school from musicians

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, then Parents/Carers are required to contribute towardstravel expenses and the scheduled educational activities. However, we do charge the full cost of board and lodgings directly to the Parents/Carers. Arrangements with the Head teacher can be made to extend the payment period for families who may find the cost prohibitive. Parents/Carers will be asked to sign an Agreement Form which specifies an agreed sum to be paid on a weekly basis, for a specified time period which will not exceed the date when the child will leave Barlby and subsequently categorised as 'off role'. Everyone is requested to contribute towards the overall cost.

It should be noted that if sufficient funds are not collected then the residential visit may not take place.



Music tuition

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

Swimming

The school usually organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2, from Years 3 to 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. The school covers the costs of hiring the swimming pool. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Additional Sports Coaching

On occasions, the school offers additional sports coaching. Qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions. These specialist sessions may take place in school hours and are in addition to the children's two hours of PE per week.

Other Out of Hours Activities

We usually offer a range of clubs and out of school hours learning experiences. Some are free of charge and are organised by school e.g. choir. ClubsComplete <https://clubscomplete.co.uk/> run a number of clubs for the school to extend the variety of opportunities available to our children. There is a charge for participation in these sessions. All payments can be made via ClubsComplete. More information about this is available at the school office.

Playcentre is run by the school. St Thomas's Primary School attend this service and drop children off using their own staff.

Charges are as follows;

- 3.30pm-4.30pm: £7 (£5 for sibling)
- 3.30pm- 6pm: £14 (£10 for a sibling)
- Late collection charge (after 6pm): £14 in addition to the £14 fee

Bus and Transport Charges

We normally charge children if they are transported in a minibus or coach to an off-site venue to participate in an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit. Most public transport costs are covered by the school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be a service which is managed by the School at a cost of £3 per child per session. It opens at 7.45am. Costs are calculated to cover staffing, materials for activities and a breakfast menu.