

Lanesfield Primary School



Charging Policy 2024

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1 Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any subject activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits 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 and the school budget is utilised to heavily subsidise these activities. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent 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 support the visit. 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;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

3 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, we once more subsidise the cost of the visit, in order to allow all families to access the experience.

4 Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. However, if we have individual or group music tuition for pupils, this is not part of the National Curriculum and this may result in a small charge to support the offer of this service. Additionally, there may be a cost for tuition books, etc. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year if these courses are to be run.

5 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children on a rota. 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. There is no charge for this at present, however, parents are asked to contribute £1.50 per term towards travel costs.

6 School Meals and Milk Charges

The Children and Families Act 2014 places a legal duty on all state-funded schools in England, including academies and free schools to offer a free school lunch to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 from September 2014.

In England, children at key stages 2-4 in state-funded schools are entitled to receive FSM if their parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Key stage 2 Parents who pay for school meals as part of the Wolverhampton Assisted Meals Scheme pay £1.50 per day. Parents who pay for school meals in full are charged £2.60 per day (subsidised cost).

Milk

At Lanesfield, all children have access to free milk on a daily basis from nursery-aged children to year 6.

7 Mini bus transport

The school offers a mini bus service to and from school. This needs to be booked in advance and paid for weekly. The daily cost for mini-bus service is £6.00 return (weekly cost £30.00). There is a discount offered for siblings and this will cost £3.00 return (weekly cost 15.00). A reduced rate is available for pupil premium children £4.00 (weekly cost £20.00) return and £2.00 (10.00) for siblings.

8 League of Lanesfield afterschool club

The school offers a before and after school club. This needs to be booked in advance and paid for weekly. Sessions are: Breakfast club 7:30 – 8:00 £2, 8:00 - 8:30 £2

Afterschool club 15:15 - 16:15 £4.50, 16:15- 16:45 £3.00; 16:45 – 17:15 £3.00; 17:15 – 17:45 £3.00;. From 17:45 parents will be charged a £1.00 a minute.

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