



Oakley Cross Primary School

"We believe in respect and success for all"

Policy on Charging

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Our School Values

We want to instil in our children the core values of:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Confidence
- Kindness
- Tolerance

These values support the way in which all members of our school community can live and work together in a supportive way. They support our school aims.

School Aims (written by staff)

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be top a priority in all things that affect children.

At Oakley Cross we aim to provide a high quality curriculum, underpinned by strong teaching and learning and encourage every child to:

- **R**espect themselves, others and the environment
- **E**xpress their needs and feelings and recognise the needs of those around them
- **S**ucceed and reach their full potential by developing a positive work ethic and through high expectation and aspiration
- **P**ersevere when challenged, demonstrating resilience
- **E**nrich their lives through learning and seizing every opportunity to try new experiences
- **C**ontribute fully to school life and the wider community by developing confidence, self-esteem and independence
- **T**olerate others, embrace and celebrate difference and resolve problems appropriately

School Aims (Written by students)

Article 13: Every child must be free to say what they think.

The children of Oakley Cross expect the following aims to be supported by all Duty Bearers.

- **R**espect our right to be safe
- **E**veryone has the right to an education
- **S**pend time listening to children
- **P**rotect our environment so it is clean and safe
- **E**xercise is key for a healthy body and mind
- **C**are for us like a family
- **T**rain all new Duty Bearers

1 Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips, visitors or 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. The school pays a percentage of the trip to subsidise the cost for parents. This can either be a lump sum or pay for the cost of transport. 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, and 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; places of interest
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- Musical events;
- Visitors delivering workshops to the pupils;
- After school clubs

3 Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or weekends we suggest a subsidised charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled. Again the school subsidises these activities to off-set the cost for parents.

4 Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. Individual tuition is charged by the L.A. Pupils who are eligible for free school meals are subsidised through Pupil Premium monies.

5 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6 Football and Sports Coaching

The school offers additional coaching after school. Often, a coach who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We ask for a contribution towards the cost of after school clubs.

7 Buses

For many activities transport is required, we normally charge, however, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit and subsidise where possible.

8 Breakfast club

The school offers a breakfast club every morning free of charge. This club is currently funded by the Greggs Foundation and County Durham Housing.

9 Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed annually.