



# Overchurch Junior School

## Charging Policy

Signed by:

_____	Headteacher	Date:	_____
_____	Chair of governors	Date:	_____

## **1. Introduction**

The Wirral Education Authority endorses the principles that education provided in maintained schools should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by their parent's unwillingness or inability to pay or to contribute towards the cost of pupil's education.

Pupils should not be required to pay for materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with education, provided during school hours; but schools may charge for or require the supply if ingredients or materials for practical subjects where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

## **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. 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
- 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 do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and transport.

#### **4. Music tuition**

There is no charge for individual or group tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. Music for Life and Samba Percussion liaise with parents directly. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

#### **5. Swimming**

The school organises lessons for children. 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. After school activities**

We run a number of clubs after school. These clubs are £2.50 per session payable termly. Pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding are eligible to access one free activity each term.

### **SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2020 – 2021**

After consultation and in line with the budget set in May 2020, the Governing Body have agreed that the following charges will apply.

<b>Charges</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Trips	Voluntary contribution
School lunches	£2.20 per day
After school clubs	£2.50 per session