



Corringham C. E. Primary School

## Charging Policy

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To be reviewed October 2024

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Our School Vision***

*'As an inclusive church school, we strive towards creating a respectful community with welcoming arms. We endeavour to ensure that everyone feels valued. We encourage children to work cooperatively in a caring Christian community, developing their full potential and mutual respect for all. We strive for our children and adults to be resilient to face any challenges, so that through God's love they can make a difference to the world around them.'*

### ***Our School Values***

*Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Trust, Love and Determination*

### ***Our School Strapline***

*... Learning to value ourselves, others and our world...*

## **Charging Policy**

### **1 Introduction**

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

### **2 Voluntary contributions**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized 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 trips;
  - musical events.

### **3 Residential visits**

- 3.1** 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. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents of children entitled to Pupil Premium as it is presently constituted will receive a discounted fee.

### **4 Music tuition**

- 4.1** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2** There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of certain benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

### **5 Swimming**

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 1 and 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make a small charge to cover part of the cost for this activity, the P.T.F.A pay for the lifeguards and instructors, the school pay for the cost of the swims and we ask parents to contribute £2.50 as at October 2022 for the cost of the coach.

### **6 After school activities**

There will be no charge for these activities. A small charge will be made to cover the cost of those activities which require additional resources such as cookery.

### **7 School Meals**

The current price for meals as at October 2020 is £2.30 per day; this includes a main meal and a dessert.

The school regularly inform parents of the option to apply for free school meals.

New procedures on entry ensure that every one who is entitled to free school meals receive them.