



BRUNSWICK SCHOOL, PENRITH

CHARGING POLICY

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that the admission of any child to the school or any school activity within a broad and balanced curriculum is not subject to charge or the parents willingness to make a voluntary contribution.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES

The policy complements the school's Equal Opportunities Policy, Curriculum Policy and Educational Visits Policy.

All activities that relate to the National Curriculum plus religious education will be provided free of charge including any materials, equipment and transport to take pupils between the school and the activity.

The Governors wish to see the curriculum enriched as far as possible for the benefit of all pupils. They recognise that whatever public funds are made available they are not likely to be sufficient to fund all desirable activities at the required level. Shortfalls in funding are supplemented by voluntary fund raising.

Therefore the school reserves the right to ask for voluntary contributions for the following:

- Outside activities which are arranged as part of the curriculum, e.g. visits to museums
- Activities arranged by the school, e.g. local dance or theatre groups
- Transport costs to take part in out of school activities.

No child will be excluded from activities because his or her parent(s) cannot or will not make a contribution to the cost of the activity.

However, should insufficient funds be available to cover the cost of a trip/activity it may be necessary to look at alternative activities.

Pupils entitled to pupil premium funding may access some of their funding used to support additional activities, visits, coaching or clubs to increase their individual opportunities, develop their talents and improve their overall life chances.

CALCULATING CHARGES

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who can't. Any shortfall will be met from school funds.

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Headteacher

The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

CHILDCARE CHARGES OUTSIDE THE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.

Wrap around Care and Nursery Care will be charged in accordance with our publicised rates available on the website and should be paid in advance to the school office.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Finance and Staffing Committee of the Governing Body will monitor the impact of this policy by receiving a financial report on any activity requiring significant funding in excess of the voluntary contributions. There will also be a report detailing the financial impact of providing wrap around care and 30 hour provision.

1. The admission of a child to Brunswick School and the formal curriculum offered to a registered pupil is not subject to charge or the parents' willingness to make a voluntary contribution.
2. The Governors wish to see the curriculum enriched as far as possible for the benefit of all pupils. They recognise that whatever public funds are made available they are not likely to be sufficient to fund all desirable activities at the required level. Shortfalls in funding are supplemented by voluntary fund raising wherever possible.

The school reserves the right to ask for voluntary contributions for the following:

- Outside activities/visits which are arranged as part of the curriculum.
 - Charitable Events and Activities
 - Resources for a special day/enrichment activity e.g. Jungle Fun Day.
3. No child will be left out of activities because his or her parent(s) cannot or will not make a contribution to the cost of the activity.

