



# Woolton Primary School



# Charging Policy 2023 – 2026

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## **Charging Policy**

### Introduction

At WPS all education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, WPS invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. As contributions are voluntary, trips may include children whose parents have not made a contribution. These children will be able to participate fully.

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. Pupil premium funds may be used to contribute towards the cost of a trip for Pupil Premium Children. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request and periodically on information letters.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'.

This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums, art galleries, places of interest
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to or by a theatre company;
- Visiting speakers to the school e.g. science workshops
- Musical events
- Costs to cover ingredients or cookery activities

### Residential visits

If WPS organises a residential visit during school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, the guidance in points 2.1 and above apply. If the residential visit is mainly out of school time i.e. holidays or weekends, although it is highly unlikely, Governors reserve the right to withdraw a place from a child who is unable to make part or whole payment. Governors will consider each case individually. Pupil premium funds may be used to contribute towards the cost of a trip for Pupil Premium Children.



## Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There may be a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. Information about charges for tuition and instruments is given to parents before children embark on a programme. KS2 children for whom school receives Pupil Premium funding may be offered the opportunity to participate in music lessons funded by school with a musical instrument provided on loan. Children are mainly required to purchase their own instruments. In special circumstances the school will help with the purchase of instruments.

## Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2 and Y2. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

## After school clubs provided by outside organisations

The school offers a range of additional coaching before and after school. Where a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions there may be a charge. Other sessions led by staff or partner schools will be offered to pupils free of charge.

## Monitoring and review

Policy to be reviewed regularly to ensure it is reflective of current good practice at Woolton Primary School.