

# **BRACKENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# **CHARGING POLICY**

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## Vision and Aims

“At Brackenbury we nurture the desire and ability to learn so that all of our children have the confidence and skills to be happy and successful in an ever changing world. Our children learn understanding and respect for each other and the community we live in.”

### Aims:

- To have happy children who enjoy coming to school.
- Provide a safe, secure and caring environment in which children can learn through making mistakes.
- Celebrate achievement in all areas
- Provide a place where all children, staff and the wider community feel welcome and are appreciated.
- Encourage self expression and creativity while promoting respect for each other.
- To identify all barriers to learning and do all we can to overcome them.

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## Based on model Local Authority 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/group music tuition or residential school journeys.

### **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 day 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;
  - school trips abroad;
  - 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 make a charge for the visit in order to cover the costs of board, lodging and specialised tuition. Parents who receive state benefits have the costs subsidised by the Brackenbury PSA.

#### **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. Peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. 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 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 Extra Curricular Clubs**

- 6.1 The school offers extra curricular activities after school. We may need to make a small charge for these sessions when we use specialist tutors e.g. Music House for children.

#### **7 Breakfast Club and Play@Brackenbury**

- 7.1 Fees are charged for out of school hours provision. These are set by the Finance Committee of the Governing Body.

**Signed:**

**Date:**