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Charles Dickens Primary School Charging policy – 2017/18

The Governors have a policy of charging for board and lodging on school journeys, for a contribution to the hire and maintenance of instruments used in individual or additional music tuition, and for a contribution towards the cost of running and maintaining after school and before school clubs.

In addition, parents/carers are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the cost of travel and entrance fees on day visits. No child is prevented from attending or participating if his/her parents/carers do not pay. However, our ability to provide these activities clearly depends on the level of the contributions received. The school will help where parents/carers are unable to pay. Details of this are available at the office.

The following principles apply:

1. Education for pupils is free of charge if it:
 - Takes place in school hours
 - Is outside school hours, but is required as part of the National Curriculum or as part of Religious Education
2. Charges are made for visits that are wholly or mainly outside of school hours and are not an essential part of the National Curriculum.
3. Voluntary contributions are invited for visits that take place in school hours, but are not an essential part of the National Curriculum.
4. The school maintains the right to cancel a visit for which contributions have been invited if the level of contributions fails to reach that which is required.
5. The school and various charitable organisations help with the cost of school journeys for those unable to meet the costs involved.
6. Any requests for assistance are treated with absolute confidentiality.

