

Wyke Regis Primary Federation



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Wyke Regis Primary Federation Charging Policy

1 Introduction

All education during Federation hours is free; we do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising trips or activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the Federation may invite parents/carers to contribute to the cost of the trip; such contributions are voluntary. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents/carers have not made a financial contribution; we do not treat these children differently from any others. If however the Federation receives a significantly low level of parental contributions it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

2.2 Usually the Federation pays additional costs in order to support a visit, either on- or off-site. Parents/Carers have a right to know how each trip is funded and the Federation will provide this information.

2.3 Parent/Carer written permission must be sought and received before any child participates in an off-site visit.

3 Residential visits

Children in Years 3, 4 and 6 are offered the opportunity to participate in residential visits during term time. These trips enrich the children's education and/or social development and we do make a charge to cover costs. Parents/Carers who are in receipt of free school meals are entitled to remission of costs for the board and lodging element of such visits.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal Federation curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 Parents of children in Years 5 to 6 will receive information at the start of the academic year about additional music tuition in which peripatetic teachers teach small group lessons. These sessions are not part of the National Curriculum and there is a charge for such sessions. The Federation, however, subsidises these costs for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

5 Swimming

5.1 Children in Year 4 will receive swimming lessons; these lessons take place in Federation time and are part of the National Curriculum. The Federation makes no charge for the lessons, but we do ask parents/carers to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost.

5.2 Parents/carers will be informed when these lessons are to take place, and we require parents/carers to provide written permission for their child to take part.

6 Charging for Items made in school

No direct charge will be made to cover the cost for materials used in such lessons as Design & Technology or Art & Design. However, if the parent/carer wishes their child to 'own' items made, they may be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of materials used.

7 Extra-curricular activities

Children can participate in a variety of lunchtime and after-school activities and there is no charge for participation in the majority of the activities which are provided by school staff.. A voluntary contribution may be requested however where materials are used, such as in Art and Design Technology. If after school activities are run by outside providers, charges may apply.

8 Sports Premium

Sports Premium funding is used to provide a wide range of activities both during curriculum time and after school.

9. Nursery

Children are entitled to 15/30 free hours of nursery provision. There is the possibility of having additional sessions for which there is a charge. There is also a charge for lunch club. For further information see the Nursery Charging Policy.

10 Breakfast Club

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 may attend Breakfast Club for which there is a charge. The Federation subsidises these charges for those pupils in receipt of income related free school meals.