

Policy on **Charging and Subsidy**



This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the following policies which also contain references to charging

- Freedom of Information Policy
- Hiring of the school premises policy

Aims and objectives

It is the aim of this school to maintain the right of all children to a free school education and to establish that the activities offered to pupils wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' or carers' ability to pay. The Governors have a policy of deploying a proportion of the delegated budget to subsidise and support what they recognise as an invaluable part of a child's education and learning.

There may, however, be occasions when, to enable activities to go ahead, the school will invite voluntary contributions towards the cost of an activity which takes place during or outside school hours. On rare occasions activities may have to be cancelled if voluntary contributions do not cover the cost of the activity. The contribution must be genuinely voluntary, and the pupils of parents who are unable to contribute will not be discriminated against.

Educational day visits

If an educational visit occurs during school time, the school will invite voluntary contributions from parents towards costs. It has been the policy of Bigland Green Primary School to assist parents and often subsidise these trips to ensure that the cost remains reasonable.

Residential visits during term time

A contribution towards the cost of residential visits will be requested. Parents will be requested to contribute towards the cost of travel, food and accommodation.

After School Activities

The school provides a range of on-site after school activities, some of which are provided free of charge. Parental contributions are requested for some of the activities¹. The school also has a special fund to subsidise families who are unable to pay or promote the participation of pupils who would benefit but cannot take part due to the cost.

Wilful Damage

The school recognises that there will be occasional accidental loss, or damage to school property. However, the school will seek to recoup losses from parents where pupils have deliberately and wilfully damaged or stolen school property.

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¹ Currently the contribution for all chargeable after school clubs is £10 per child per term with reductions for families who have more than one child participating in clubs. Details of the termly clubs on offer and the contributions to be made are available from the school office.