

Grove Road CP School: Policy for charging



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How this Policy was Developed

This policy was developed from consultation with staff and governors.

School Context

Grove Road County Primary School has around 300 pupils on roll. It is situated in an area of council and privately owned rented accommodation in a less affluent part of Harrogate (designated an area of social priority). Children come from both single and dual parent families and a wide range of ethnic backgrounds with over 30% of the children having English as an additional language. The proportion of pupils with statements for special needs is above average, as is the number of children at school action and school action plus. Some of these learners have social, emotional or behavioural problems or specific learning difficulties and there are a few with moderate learning difficulties or speech and communication or physical problems. The school is an enhanced school to support schools and learners in the local area with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties. Grove Road is also a hub school to develop minority ethnic achievement in Primary and Secondary schools in a large area of the County.

School Policy on charging

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England.

We do *not* charge for:

- Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment);
- Tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum;
- Swimming as this is part of the National Curriculum;
- Before school, lunchtime or after school *activity* clubs.

We *do* charge for:

- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him to own them;
- Breakfast Club;
- Music tuition delivered by peripatetic teachers.

Voluntary Contributions

Occasionally, we ask parents / carers for a voluntary contribution for specific school activities (usually a class trip or to pay for a special visitor to school). In every case, we pay additional costs to support events and reduce the cost for parents and carers.

No child is excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents / carers are unwilling or unable to pay.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund an activity, then it would be cancelled.

If a parent or carer would like support with funding visits they should speak with the Headteacher.