



## Oakridge Primary School Charging Policy

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### 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 or group music tuition or when we may ask for a contribution to cover the cost of expert coaching.

### 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 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 organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as enrichment activities. 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;
  - expert coaching.

### 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 do not make any charge for the education.

## **Ireland Year 6**

In Year 6 the children are all given the opportunity to visit Ireland on a weeks residential. A charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging is made however the school picks up the costs of the entrances to Croke Park, Kilmaenham Gaol and New Grange as well as the bowling.

## **4 Music tuition**

- 4.1** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Parents however pay for the cost of their child's musical instrument tuition. This is worked out by dividing the cost of the tuition for that instrument between the number of children who have a lesson. Parents who confirm in the summer term that their child will either be starting or continuing with music tuition are informed of the cost in July and this confirmation is an agreement that all lessons will be fully paid for. In extreme cases where only one child plays a particular instrument the school governors may make a discretionary contribution. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. 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 for Year 4 and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

## **6 PE Clubs**

- 6.1** The school offers additional sports clubs at lunchtime and after school. The school makes no charge for these.