



Redby Academy Charging Policy



Introduction

All education, provided during normal school hours, at Redby Academy is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group specialist tuition or bought in service eg: Peripatetic teachers.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to make a contribution to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If however, we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the trip may need to be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution.

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 not discriminate but allow the child to participate fully in the trip/activity; these children are not treated any differently. Sometimes the academy pays additional costs and subsidises the visit in order to keep costs down for parents. Parents should have an understanding of how each trip is funded, and the school is to inform parents of this in written form.

If, after contributing in monetary form towards a trip, a child is absent due to illness, parents will receive a refund for the cost of the entry fee. Unfortunately a refund on the contribution towards the transport will not be received as the initial coach cost is calculated on the amount of pupils in the year group and can not be recalculated once parents have been given a set amount to contribute.

The following is a list of possible additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to or by a theatre company;
- School trips arranged to promote learning of a topic/theme;
- Musical events.

Residential Visits

In order to enhance the curriculum, the academy aims to provide varied opportunities, trips and visits for pupils to learn skills and promote independence beyond the classroom. In KS2 we offer a 4 night residential visit in Y6. These residential visits are open to all pupils, however there is a

cost to parents. The amount will vary according to the length of visit and parents are able to pay by an instalment system at the Academy Office.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is however, a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, as this is an additional curriculum activity, requested by parents and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers and the charge made is to cover their fees. Redby Academy do not make any profit from such charging. Parents are given information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year and may take up the opportunity if desired.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place during school time and are part of the National Curriculum. A small charge for this activity is requested, to contribute towards the hire of the pool, instructor and transport. This charge is a fraction of the cost of private swimming lessons. Parents are informed in advance of when such lessons are to take place, and we seek parents' written permission for their child's participation.

Extra Curricular Clubs

A range of extra curricular clubs are offered to pupils at the end of each school day. Such clubs are optional and cater for varied interests and ages, running from 3.15-4.30pm. The clubs are delivered by either staff or fully qualified coaches, employed by the academy. There is a small charge of £2 to cover the cost of coaches or instructors.

Damage to Property

The academy will cover accidental breakages of school property. Deliberate or wilful Acts, which result in breakage or damage to school property, will be charged for at an appropriate rate to replacement costs.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed by the Governing body every two years or earlier if necessary.

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