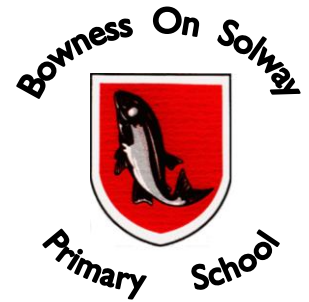


# **BOWNESS-ON-SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **CHARGING POLICY**



The admission of a child to this school is not subject to the parents' willingness to pay or make voluntary contributions.

Activities associated with the basic curriculum will be free. However there is never enough money to fund all activities which are desirable. In order for the school to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, we feel that it is essential for the children to go on educational visits. These provide valuable first-hand experience and enhance the planned work each term.

Therefore, the school reserves the right to charge for activities that are offered as an optional extra wholly or mainly outside school hours. The following is a list of additional activities classed as optional extras which may require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- other school trips;
- musical events.

To fund important activities to provide a broad and balanced curriculum it is necessary to ask parents to contribute to the cost. These contributions are voluntary and children will not be excluded from a visit or treated differently in any way, if their parents do not contribute. There will be a suggested amount stated as a contribution to cover costs. If the full cost towards any of the optional activities is not available from voluntary contributions, then it will be at the Head teacher's discretion to subsidise the cost from other sources, including school funds, to enable the activity to take place. If the amount of the subsidy required (other than voluntary contributions) is too great, then the activity may be cancelled.

In cases of financial difficulty, parents should contact the Head teacher, to discuss the matter. All enquiries will be dealt with sympathetically and in complete confidence.

The school will remit charges for school activities to parents in receipt of income support and family credit, who have been unable to make a contribution.

### *Additional information:*

The school reserves the right to reclaim from parents the cost of damaged property.

The school reserves the right to charge for peripatetic music tuition for individuals and small groups.

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