

# **Charging Policy**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

At Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary we are extremely proud of our Christian Community School. We welcome everyone, embrace individuality and nurture and empower our pupils. We do this through an engaging curriculum that promotes faith, understanding and skills and is underpinned by Christian and British Values.

### **We...**

- ✓ Love God, the world, each other and ourselves.
- ✓ Cherish our pupils and act as their champions.
- ✓ Provide safe yet challenging opportunities to learn, blossom and grow.
- ✓ Surround ourselves with fun, laughter, positivity and happiness, creating a place where memories are made.
- ✓ Trust each other to act with integrity and to forgive when we make mistakes.
- ✓ Love Learning and Love Life.
- ✓ Are creative in our thinking, outlook and approach
- ✓ Communicate effectively
- ✓ Have time and patience to develop minds
- ✓ Discover individual sparks to let everyone's light shine.
- ✓ Nurture a love of learning and a belief in oneself.

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**School Vision**

Broadbottom CE Primary School promises to provide a happy, safe, Christian environment for all pupils to flourish and develop talents, interests, excellent learning attitudes and behaviours.

Our intention is for the learning journey to maximise full academic, social, emotional and physical potentials. We aim to develop life skills, tolerance and resilience, in a school environment that cherishes individuality and positively encourages pupils to shine.

**“Let your light shine,” Matthew 5:16**

With Christianity at the heart of our intentions, we aim to:

- Strengthen the spirituality of staff and pupils, whilst creating a culture of high expectations, that is mindful of health and wellbeing
- Provide high quality teaching and learning, that develops individual potential and enriches pupil’s lives
- Engage in partnerships that support and serve the school community
- Continue to review and challenge the curriculum for our pupils, to ensure it is relevant for their future workforce needs
- Continually improve performance through evaluation of practice
- Equip children and families with the knowledge, skills, independence and resilience to face future challenges
- Instil traditional values of hard work, courtesy, respect and good behaviour
- Nurture an understanding of how special and unique we are in the eyes of God
- Broaden our knowledge and understanding of world issues and develop courageous advocates who will help others shine
- Link our heritage with overseas charities to support others, as our local community has been supported in the past

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#### 1. Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken during school hours as part of the National Curriculum.

#### 2. School Trips/visits and activities during school time – voluntary contributions.

**2.1** When organising school activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers to contribute the cost. All

**2.2** contributions are voluntary. If insufficient contributions are made, a proposed event may be cancelled. If the event proceeds each child would be allowed to participate fully without discrimination irrespective of contribution circumstances.

**2.3** Parents/Carers have a right to know how each individual trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

**2.4** The following is a list of additional activities sometimes 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
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- School trips abroad
- Musical events

**2.5** Parents/Carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/activities .

**2.6** School, on request will provide details of how each individual voluntary contribution amount

**2.7** has been determined. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

#### 3. Residential Visits – Charges

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 or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the cost of board and lodging and may invite voluntary contributions to meet other costs associated with the visit. Parents/Carers who receive specific state benefits are exempt from charges for board and lodgings and specific details of exemptions will be provided at the time that residential visit details are notified. This also applies to pupils who receive Pupil Premium.

**3.1** Parents/Carers will be given advanced notice of proposed residential visit opportunities together with an early indication of charges and voluntary contribution requests and staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

#### 4. Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Additional 1:1 or small group sessions extra to school time may incur a charge.

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#### **5. Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity or for the associated transport costs. We inform parents when these lessons take place.

#### **6. Extra Curricula and Activities**

The school offers a range of extra curricula clubs and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision.

#### **7. Childcare**

Parents/Carers will be responsible for meeting full costs for childcare out of school hours, including any transport costs for supervised transfer. Parents/Carers may be eligible for financial support towards childcare costs e.g. through Working Tax Credits. The school will aim to promote financially self-sustainable childcare with full regard to existing provision within the locality.

#### **8. Transport to Extra Curricular Activities**

Parents/Carers may be charged to cover the transport expenses associated with the trip and extra-curricular activity. Charges for transport will be strictly based on covering actual costs (as defined in legislation) with no profit element.

#### **9. Loss of/Damage to School Property**

Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school Property lost or damaged.