Micklehurst All Saints CE Primary School

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Statement of Intent

The Governing Body of Micklehurst All Saints CE School is committed to ensuring that all education during school hours is free with the exception of any individual or group music tuition (4). We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

1. Voluntary Contributions

When organising school activities, trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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

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. We may also use the Pupil Premium funding to cover costs for any children eligible for the Pupil Premium grant if necessary.

2. Additional Activities

The following is a list of 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 art galleries and museums;
- visits to farms and zoos
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- after school sports clubs;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

Parents/Carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/activities and school will provide details of how each individual voluntary contribution amount has been determined upon request. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

3. Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in 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 costs of board and lodging and may invite voluntary contributions to meet other costs associated with the visit. Pupils who receive Pupil Premium funding may be exempt from charges for board and lodgings and specific details of exemptions will be provided at the time that the residential visit details are notified. Staged payments will be available as mentioned above.

4. Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. If enough interest is shown in individual or small-group music tuition requested by parents, there is a small charge for this since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but Children Cared For are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore 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.

6. Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

The school offers a range of out-of-hours clubs and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision where those activities are not directly aimed at providing educational benefit to pupils.

7. Childcare

Parents/carers will be responsible for meeting full costs of childcare provided by school or by a partner working with the school, 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 locally.

8. Loss of/damage to school property

Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of their child's misbehaviour.

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