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New Marske Primary School

Parental Contributions Policy

Approved:

Review: January 2017

Policy on Charging

1   Introduction

1.1.1   All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

1.2   Tees Valley Music or private providers do charge for individual or small-group music tuition or PE activities.

2   Voluntary contributions

2.1   When organising school 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.

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, and 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 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- educational visits;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.
- certain clubs within school which require funding to support them; Multisports, addition PE sessions and Chess Club.

3   The Law states

If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions the Governing Body or Head teacher will make this clear to parents from the outset. No child will be excluded from an activity because his or her parents are unable or unwilling to pay. If insufficient contributions are received, the trip or activity

may have to be cancelled. If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay their child will still be given an equal chance to go on the visit.

4   Residential visits

4.1   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 suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, although parents who receive state benefits are exempt from this charge. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

5   Music tuition

5.1   All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

5.2   There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, 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. They make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits may be exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

6   Extended Schools Provision

6.1   If the school organises before or after school clubs, then a small charge may be made to cover the cost of materials used.

7   Monitoring and review

7.1   This policy is monitored by the governing body.

Signed: *J. Dooris*   **Date: January 2015**