

# Stanstead Primary School



## Charging Policy

**We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Our Safeguarding and PREVENT policies are integral to all other policies and practice and form part of our school life. Our aim is to ensure our children are safe at all times.**

All education in school is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum on the school premises delivered by school staff.

### **Voluntary contributions**

When organising school trips, visits or visitors which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school usually pays for all costs so that equality of provision is not an option, but a given.

Examples of such activities include:

- External trips to museums, theatres etc.
- Visits from experts; artists; musicians etc to the school.

### **Residential visits**

The school organises a residential trip for pupils in Year 6 every year. This involves coaching sessions with instructors for Adventurous Activities as well as team building and social activities. These support our curriculum and develop independence and confidence. We make a charge for these visits except for those pupils who are receiving appropriate state benefits. The visit is arranged through a well-established company who sell this as a complete package including instruction, board, lodging and transport. Parents who are unable to afford this visit are encouraged to talk to the Headteacher to come to an agreement about help with the funding.

We ask parents to make a minimum contribution of £30 for two nights, the school pays 75% of the cost. We offer free residential visits to any parent that we know is not able to pay the 25% cost. All children are expected to go.

### **Music tuition**

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

There is no charge for individual or group music tuition even if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The LEA makes a charge for these lessons.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. These take place during school time and are part of the National Curriculum. However, we have to hire a private pool and an instructor. We cover the cost in school.

### **Extra – Curricular Activities**

The school offers sports coaching after school. This may involve arranging for a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, to run and organise these sessions. We do not need to make a charge for these sessions to cover the coach's costs.