

Beaucroft Foundation School
Charging Policy September 2018



Activities that take place wholly during school time are not the subject of a charge or fee. The only exception to this rule is if a child is receiving individual tuition for a musical instrument; when a specific charge is made for this optional activity. Parents might be asked to make a voluntary contribution toward the cost of an activity or outing which would involve the school in expenditure above the norm or children owning something that they make such as pottery or cookery.

If a residential visit has been organised, then parents will be asked to pay for that part of the visit relating to 'board and lodging'. No charge for this will be made on parents or guardians in receipt of Income Support or Child Tax Credit. Other costs of the visit, such as those associated with entry fees or travel may be chargeable to parents or guardians.

Visits which take place during school hours are not usually optional but the school may ask for a voluntary contribution to be made to help cover the cost of the trip. Children for whom no contribution is made will not be treated differently to those who make a contribution.

Food Technology (including Cookery and Home Management), Technology and Art are curricular areas where children may wish to take home items which they have made and which have incurred a cost to the school. In such circumstances, parents may be asked to contribute to the cost of the items. If no such contributions made, the items may be kept in school or recycled. However, all children will have the opportunity of taking part in the activity regardless of their ability to pay or their wish to take the item home.

If parents or guardians are in financial difficulty over any charge made, voluntary or otherwise, they are advised to contact the school quickly. Please be assured that such contact is treated as confidential. It is the firm intention of the school and the Governors that parents and children are comfortable with the financial arrangements at Beaucroft.

Review annually

Signed (Chair of Governors)

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