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Greenmeadow Primary School

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School Trips
The Education Reform Act 1988 establishes the basic principle that the education provided by any maintained school for its registered pupils should be free of charge. This basic underlying principle requires that there should be no school admission charge and no charge for any related activity which takes place during school time. Exceptions to this general statement are as follows:

For day visits to places of interest and sporting events that incur transportation costs and/or entry costs, parents are asked for a voluntary contribution towards that cost. If inadequate funds are donated towards the visit then the school reserves the right to cancel the trip and return monies received. A permission slip and evolve form should be completed for all visits.

For some optional residential visits deemed to be within school hours and an optional part of the curriculum, parents will be asked to contribute fully towards the cost. Reductions may be available for parents in receipt of free school meals. At present, the Yr6 visit to an outdoor education centre is the only such event.

Optional visits occurring outside school hours will be charged for in full. The value of a school visit which is integrated within the curriculum is accepted educationally as being sound and good practice, offering the children a variety of experiences which cannot be found in the classroom. Over the past years this school has organized many visits and will continue to do so in the future. However, financial educational resources available for such visits are very limited and therefore each visit must be cost effective.

School visits and activities will be planned in advance and, if sought, voluntary contributions will usually be invited through individual letters to parents. The letter, asking for support, will outline the proposed visit, cost, educational value and its relationship to the school syllabus.

Music Tuition
Parents may opt for their child/children to have individual or group music tuition. Gwent Music provides this service and the school pays a subsidy against the cost. The amount is reviewed annually. Currently this is £45 per term and parents register directly with Gwent Music before the start of each term and pay through the Gwent Music Parent Portal.

Damaged Items
A request for payment may be made by the school for replacement of broken windows or fittings, defaced or damaged text books or any other damage or loss occurring as a result of pupils' bad behaviour.

Lettings
A written agreement must be signed prior to commencement of any letting. This is subject to renewal on an annual basis. Rooms within the school that are rented to outside providers are charged at an hourly rate. Currently they are charged @ £10 per hour for the use of various rooms and @ £15 per hour for the use of the school hall. The Governing Body (at their discretion) may consider a short term reduction in room rent when presented with a case of justification. Any terms will be agreed on a confidential case by case basis.