Bonner Primary School

CHARGING POLICY

Confidence, respect and a love of learning

Our vision and aims support Articles 3, 28, 29, 30 and 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Pupil.
Article 3: The best interests of a child must be a top priority in all things that affect pupils.
Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.
Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.
Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family.
Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Approved by:	Finance Committee	**Date:** Autumn Term 2023
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1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of private individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive at least 75% of the total cost of the trip via voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip.

Parents will receive information regarding a trip going ahead well in advance to ensure that financial hardship is not incurred. If a trip goes ahead, it will 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. 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:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we will request a deposit from parents to secure their place. A payment plan will then be available in intervals leading up to the trip. The total cost of the trip is to be paid in full before the trip commences. The cost of the trip may be subsidised by the school for children in receipt of pupil premium funding, or mitigating circumstances.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. If a parent/carer has requested either individual or group lessons via Tower Hamlets music service they are charged for the cost of the lesson.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6. Nursery School Meals

The school does not provide school meals for nursery children. Children receiving 30 hours per week nursery provision bring in their own packed lunch.

7. The school has a cashless 'on-line' payment system called Wisepay. This will enable all the parents to pay for trips, dinner money, After School Activities run by external companies and uniform via an online system.

Signed: Alan Ball

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