



The Fenland Federation

Marshchapel Infant School

Grainthorpe Junior School

Charging Policy 2023

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Statement of Policy

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school sometimes invites parents to contribute voluntarily to the cost of the trip. All pupils participate, irrespective of parental contributions.

Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Residential visits

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 do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging, insurance and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the Executive Headteacher. Parents will also be given the option of a payment plan to spread the costs of the residential visit.

Music tuition

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

Breakfast Club

There is a daily charge for pupils attending Breakfast Club. Details are available on request from the school office.

After School Clubs

There is a daily charge for after school childcare. Details are available on request from the school office. Sports clubs and activities run by members of school staff are free for pupils to attend.

Breakages and Fines

In cases of wilful damage, breakage or loss of equipment on loan to children, the Executive Headteacher, in consultation with the governors, may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit.

Additional In-School Charges

Income from Sales

Some goods will be sold through the school with the intention of making a small profit and this often takes the form of commission. Goods include: Book Fair Sales and school photographs. Income from this is recorded in the School Fund account.

Income from Donations

Occasionally, the school will seek voluntary donations from events as non-uniform days, sponsorships etc. The purpose for which the donation will be used is explained clearly to parents and visitors. Income from this is recorded in the School Fund account.

Income from Lettings

The Governors review annually and set charges for the use of school premises. These costs are laid down in the school's Casual Letting Policy and include caretaking, insurance and energy costs.

The School does not charge Fenland Friends PTA for the use of the school for fund raising activities.

School Meals

The Fenland Federation provides hot meals using a third party who arrange payments directly with parents.

Policy Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every year.

This policy was revised by the Governing Body of The Fenland Federation of Schools at the Governors' meeting in March 2023.