

Beechdale Nursery School and Consett Infant School



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Charging Policy

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1 Introduction

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 individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

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 sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. Any shortfall is usually covered using School Funds.

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.

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/other activities which require transport expenses;
- admission charges for e.g. public performances;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre/cinema;
- musical events.

3 Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs run by school staff from the end of the school day to 4.15pm request a small fee to cover resources. There may also be a voluntary contribution requested towards the cost of any related excursions and transport costs.

4. Childcare

We provide After School Childcare from 3:15 to 6:00pm Monday to Friday during term time. This service for children attending Consett Infant School and siblings from Consett Junior School can provide up to thirty childcare places for children aged 4 to 11 years. This provision is open from

3.15pm until 6.00pm weekdays, during term time, and there is a charge for this service.