

SHERINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY



Our Vision Statement

Sherington Primary School is an inclusive community. We place the child at the centre of all that we do. We strive to maintain the highest standards in an environment that is creative, stimulating, inspiring and enabling.

Aspire

- Motivating and exciting all to become life-long learners

Believe

- Developing the skills and confidence to foster self-belief

Create

- Engaging all learners through creative practice and personal reflection

Achieve

- Experiencing success and embracing future challenges

Our Aims

To place the child at the centre of all that we do.

To foster positive, supportive relationships with families and the wider community.

To provide models of excellence drawing on the expertise of our highly skilled team.

To provide an enquiry based curriculum, that promotes the values of resilience, adaptability and perseverance.

To promote life-long learning through developing a whole school culture of challenge and growth.

To prepare learners for a future in an increasingly interconnected global economy.

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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. Music tuition with peripatetic teachers are chargeable.

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/carers 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 is cancelled, we will look to rebook and if not possible, a refund will be issued.

2.2 If a parent/carer 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 to no detriment. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents/carers 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/carers. 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;
- school trips in general;

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 do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging. Parents/carers who receive state benefits are exempt from full payment and will be offered a subsidy.

4 Music tuition

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

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music tutors teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge of £40 per 10 week block to cover partial cost of tutors. Parents/carers in receipt of state benefits are exempt from full payment and will be offered a subsidy. For Key Stage 2

children we give parents/carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year, where there are spaces.

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.

6 Activity Clubs

6.1 The school offers additional activity clubs after school for 10 weeks of each term. We make a charge for these sessions of £50 for a 10 week block. Any activity clubs organised by outside coaches, may charge their own rates and this may differ from the above charge. A copy of the rate charged will be kept by the school office; however the handling of monies will be through the company hired.

Parents/carers in receipt of state benefits are exempt from full payment and will be offered a subsidy.

If a club is cancelled, where possible it will be added to the end of the 10 week period, If this is not possible refunds will **not** be issued.

Late Collection – Activity Club

6.2 If you are late for any reason, a fee of £1 per minute, per child will be incurred for any collection after 4:30pm.

6.3 Lettings

The school has a letting policy that will be adhered to for any external hire.

7. Senior Band and School Football Teams

There is no charge for children selected for Senior Band, Choir or the school football teams.

8. School Meals

8.1 Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government funded schools to offer free school meals to pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. There is no charge to parents/carers for these year groups.

8.2 The London Mayor's Free School Meals for All scheme means that pupils in Years, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will receive free meals for the academic year 24/25.

However, it is really important that parents/carers continue to complete the borough's registration form for Free School Meals because a child may be eligible for extra funding for their school from the government, which is worth £1,515 per year.

(<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>)

8.3 The office must be given written notification of any changes in meal arrangements. Children are required to keep to either School Meals or Packed Lunches for each half term.

9. Sherington Xtra

9.1 The school is able to provide extended day care in the form of breakfast club and after school club. Sherington Xtra is run by our own staff and is available term time with the following costs:

Breakfast club £5.00 per session (8am – 8:50am)

After school club £11 per session (3.30pm – 5:55 pm)

Fees are issued half termly and are to be paid in advance. The school operates a two week notice period for cancellation of place. Should the school have to cancel breakfast / after school club a credit will be issued to the child's account

Late Collection – Sherington Xtra

9.1 If you are late for any reason, a fee of £1 per minute, per child will be incurred for any collection after 6pm.