



'Nurturing Individuality, Growing Together, Embracing Community'

CHARGING POLICY

'And keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.'

1 Kings 2:3

RCFS is a community where everyone is welcomed and respected and where every person commits to our school values of being responsible, caring, fearless and secure. These values sit alongside our Christian values of Respect, Service, Courage, Generosity, Friendship, Compassion, Peace, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Thankfulness and Truthfulness, which permeate throughout the life of our school. Our Christian values encourage all to make the world a better place through love, knowledge and understanding.

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

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school will invite parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary, but in the situation where voluntary contributions do not enable the school to cover the total costs then it may result in the school having to subsidise the costs; where this is not possible then the activity may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution as the school does not treat these children differently from any others.

The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term 'charges' which are considered to be an obligatory cost and 'voluntary contributions' which are self-explanatory.

Subsidies from various sources, including the Governors Fund, School Improvement Fund and Roehampton Church Forest School PTA, may be considered to cover deficits. Surplus finance will be used via the school fund for the benefit of the children.

Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parents/carers to pay by instalments.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school which require voluntary contributions from parents. The list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities (including swimming)
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to or by a theatre company
- School trips
- Musical events
- Transport

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, then they will make charges for accommodation, activities and travel expenses. Where possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parents/carers to pay by instalments.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children within the school, usually in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum, however, the school charges a small percentage of the cost to help provide this activity. Any additional swimming is partly funded by the PE/Sport's Grant. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

After School Clubs

Roehampton Church Forest School, offers some school enrichment activities for children, across all ages and are a mixture of in-house and external providers. The cost of these clubs differs dependent on the club offered and are open to all children. Some spaces, for children, may be subsidised by the PE / Sport's Grant or if the child is entitled to Pupil Premium.

After School & Breakfast Care

The school runs a Breakfast Club which runs from 7:45am to 8:45am. The charge is £3.00 per day if a child is dropped off before 8:30am and £2.00 if a child is dropped off after 8:30am. The cost does not include breakfast, however, children can bring a snack.

At present, the school also runs after school care from 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and is charged at £3.00 per session.

Lettings

The school lets out the hall and other spaces within the school and these are chargeable. Please refer to Lettings Policy for further information.

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