Fleet Wood Lane Primary Charging Policy September 2026

Our Vision

We believe our school should be a place which provides an atmosphere of happiness and security; where children and adults love learning and achieve their best and where everyone is relaxed and confident in their relationships with each other.

'Growing Our Future Together'

Introduction
This Policy has the full agreement of the Governing Body.

We recognise that all education during school hours should be free if it takes place wholly or mainly during school hours. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum where possible.

Voluntary Contributions

Additional Activities
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 places of educational interest;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the Theatre;
- Residential visits – adventure and environmental holidays;
- Musical events.

School Visits

- When organising school trips or visits that 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.
- 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.
- Additional costs are generally met by the school or sometimes the Friends of Fleet Wood Lane School. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, information which is provided by the school on request.

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Residential Visits

- The school regularly organises residential visits to provide education and adventure activities linked to the National Curriculum.
- Parents are invited to contribute towards the cost of the trip, travel expenses, board and lodging. Every effort is made to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to participate in residential visits and benefit from the positive impact on personal development. Each request for financial assistance towards a residential visit will be considered on its own merit.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. The school actively promotes Lincolnshire County Council's individual music scheme which is chargeable by them directly. The school does not obtain a monetary gain from lessons taken from them place by students during school hours. The music curriculum at Fleet wood Lane includes whole class instrument tuition in Years 3 and 4.

Swimming

Parents, teachers and Governors have always given swimming a high priority at Fleet Wood Lane School and we follow the statutory and non-statutory guidelines in relation to swimming activities and water safety;

- All children in Key Stage 2 will participate in swimming for at least two terms during each academic year. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will participate in at least one term of swimming during the academic year. These lessons will take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum.
- We make no charge for swimming tuition, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport.

Sports Coaching/Craft Activities/Dance

There may be opportunities throughout the year for the children to participate in various activities run by local organisations. These sessions will be run by representatives from these organisations and they may make a charge for these sessions.

Hot Midday Meals

There will be no charge made for this provision for pupils who are eligible for 'Free School Meals' or for Key Stage 1 children under the 'Universal Free School Meals' grant. All other meals will be charged at a rate of £2.66 per meal per day. All meals to be paid for directly to the food provider Ideal Meals on booking. Fleet Wood Lane School do not deal with meal payments or bookings.

Wrap Around Care

The Wrap Around Care provision is available to all students.
Staff can use wrap around care at no cost during their working hours.
Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am until 8.35am and is charged at £3.50.
Breakfast Club may be offered at a reduced rate to children receiving Pupil Premium as part of a support package at the discretion of the Headteacher.

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After School Club runs from 3.20pm until 4.30pm. Places at Squirrels After School Club should always be booked in advance via ParentPay. The cost is £4.00 per session. This cannot be offered to children receiving Pupil Premium Free School Meals funding without charge.

We accept childcare scheme vouchers. Fleet Wood Lane School reserve the right to withdraw these facilities if payment is not made.