



Ditton Primary School

Charging Policy

2025-2026

This Charging Policy informs staff and parents about charging for school activities. It conforms to the requirements of the guidance detailed in 'A Guide to the Law for School Governors'.

In accordance with these guidelines, Ditton Primary School:

- Will not charge for books, materials, equipment and instruction in connection with the National Curriculum or Statutory Religious Education taught at school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase the product.
- Will not charge for any activities which take place in school time, apart from instrumental tuition for individual pupils or pupils in groups of up to four.
- May charge for school-time activities by inviting parents and others to make voluntary contributions to enable school funds go further. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated differently from those who do make contributions
- Will have the right to cancel an activity if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible.
- May charge for board and lodgings & transport on residential courses. Parents in receipt of benefits may be entitled to concessions and should contact the school for further details and may be classed as exceptional circumstances and therefore an exception on a payment.
- May permit organisations to charge parents when such an organisation is acting independently of the school or the Local Authority, to arrange an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join in the activity.
- May charge for activities (optional extras), which happen outside taught hours when these activities are not necessary part of the National Curriculum.

Parents are asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children.

The Governors will review the lettings charges levied by the school on a regular basis.