



<b>All Semley CE VA School policies apply to year R to 6 inclusively or Semley CE VA School Staff</b>	
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## **Semley CE VA Primary School Charging Policy**

### **Aims and objectives:**

The Governors and staff consider that Semley CE VA Primary School is an inclusive school where all should be given the same opportunities regardless of financial circumstances at home. We have recently reviewed our uniform policy and there is no expectation that uniform contains a logo. There are many opportunities for Parents/Carers to collect second hand uniform for whatever donation they are able to give. Events organised by FOSS are often donation based but no child or family would be excluded from any activity for financial reasons. There is always opportunity for parents/carers to discuss with the school if they are unable to fund trips or events.

### **The Governing Body**

May not charge for any activities that take place in school time, with the exception of music lessons. There is a requirement by law for the Governing Body to have a Charging Policy. The Governing Body may invite Parents/Carers and other parties to make a voluntary donation to some activities in school time that are sometimes additional to the National Curriculum or any part of the School's work. The Governing Body may charge for activities that are wholly or mainly outside the School's normal hours as long as they are optional extras. The Governing Body can charge for boarding and lodging on residential trips.

### **Education during School hours**

No charge can be made for admitting children to a maintained school, this includes all education and resources attached to the education provision.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

These may be asked for in relation to external trips or activities that are organised by staff to provide opportunity over and above the National Curriculum these will be designed to enhance the education provided. The contribution must be genuinely voluntary and the children of the parents who do not contribute will not be discriminated against. Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the short fall then the activity may be cancelled.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Year 3. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we may ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of transport. We inform Parents and Carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

### **School Lunches**

Parents/Carers of children in Year 3 and above (and are not eligible for Benefit Related Free School Meals) will be charged £2.75 for a hot school lunch provided by Caterlink. The booking system is through ParentPay. Parents/Carers can also choose to send in a packed lunch for their children. For those who receive Free School Meals this also includes days where the education is off site.

**Breakfast Club**

Parents/Carers are charged £2.50 per morning for breakfast club and this is booked and paid for through ParentPay.

**Monitoring and review**

This policy is monitored by the Governing body and will be reviewed every three years or earlier if necessary.