

CHARGING POLICY



Rationale

As part of the new Education Act, the school is only permitted to make charges for outings and other activities which are considered an essential part of the school on a voluntary basis.

At Cambo First School we have two sources of income - one from Northumberland County Council which is our annual school budget and the other is any monies we can raise ourselves.

The PTA is very active in raising funds for specific projects and there are also fund raising events. They are a registered Charity and as such conduct an annual AGM where the accounts are shared with parents. The PTA hold all voluntary funds raised via parents and the community. Their accounts are checked annually by independent persons.

Funds are used to enhance the provision for children e.g. to update facilities, improve resources or provision,

There are many activities which enrich the curriculum such as visits to museums and places of interest which incur an entrance or transport cost. In such cases voluntary contributions from parents are essential and greatly appreciated. No child will be excluded from participating in an activity during the school day because of a lack of parental contribution however; the activity may not take place if there is a shortfall of funds.

We make a charge for children receiving specialist music tuition, for swimming, and for our residential to Whithaugh or London. [The latter is subsidised via the PTA]

Guidelines for Practice

- there will be no reduction in the number of outings and activities considered by the teaching staff to be an essential part of the curriculum;
- parents will be asked, however, to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of such activities in respect of their child or children;
- where parents feel that, for whatever reason, they are not
- able to make voluntary contribution in this way, they should inform the Headteacher in the first instance or the Chairman of Governors of the situation;

- no child will be excluded from a particular activity because a voluntary contribution has not forthcoming from the parent or guardian.

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