

GRANGEFIELD SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' CHARGING POLICY

Grangefield School will, wherever possible, fund all educational activities but recognises that on occasion there may be the necessity to ask for voluntary parental contributions.

Aims:

To provide the best possible educational opportunities available within the funds allocated by the Gloucestershire Local Authority.

To uphold the legal requirement to keep education during normal school hours free of any compulsory charge.

To maintain the quality and breadth of the educational programme provided for the pupils and where financial contributions are necessary to ensure that they are kept to a reasonable minimum.

To identify the activities for which charges are to be made.

To ensure as far as possible that all children are able to benefit from chargeable school activities, reducing or waiving charges as appropriate, after consultation between parents and Head Teacher.

All relevant child welfare policies will be adhered to.

Policy Statements:

The school asks all parents to contribute £10 per term towards the cost of any purchases, activities, cost of visiting specialists or visits that are liable for charging. (Grange money.)

The school will endeavour to cover the cost of all activities and visits from the monies gathered from the parents and from monies allocated from the school budget, however there will be occasions where parents are asked to give an additional contribution to enable an activity to take place.

No charge is made for materials or equipment used in the classroom.

Year 6 children are taken on a residential visit – the parents must cover the cost of this. Help may be available, but as this is a social event rather than an educational one parents may opt for their child to miss the trip. Children missing the visit will be educated at school as per normal.

Parents are informed about Grange Money via the school website. (Copy below)

The school also has a Lettings Policy which explains the process for lettings. For any letting the rate will include a caretakers fee, additional charges will be dependent upon the request.

GRANGE-MONEY

At Grangefield School we aim to give the children a varied curriculum where we can include more unusual or exciting activities and Grange Money is used as a way to spread the costs more evenly for parents and reduce the need to ask for many additional contributions.

At Grangefield we collect Grange money each term. Currently Grange Money is £10 per term (three term year) or £30 per year. This has not changed since the school opened in September 2000.

In return for your Grange Money we provide the following:

- School trips by meeting or subsidising the expenses of transport and entry
- Workshops for the children by meeting or subsidising the cost of the workshop eg. Whole school music, life education bus, History workshop.
- By meeting or subsidising the cost of external theatre / music performances at the school.
- Swimming for Y3
- Water bottles
- Book bags and book folders
- Cooking activity ingredients for class or Owl groups.
- Models, purses, torches, circuits and other design technology or science activities
- Material for dramatic activities
- Working with gifted and talented external authorities eg. A celebrated author or artist
- Special craft materials for RE, Art and DT days, Christmas, Easter and Book Week.
- Class Christmas presents
- Cycling Proficiency

As you will appreciate, this system can only work if all parents support it. We hope you will agree that it is good value for money and it allows all children to fully participate in everything we are doing.

This policy will be reviewed by the Resources Committee annually.

Next Review Autumn 2017.