

GRANGEFIELD SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' CHARGING POLICY 2020

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 £12 a year (£2 per term) Grange Money towards the cost of disposable materials used in art, craft, design and technology.

For trips, workshops, swimming, performances and cycling proficiency a voluntary contribution will be asked of the parent.

No charge is made for educational 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, particularly where a child is entitled to a free school meal, 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.

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.

An explanation with regards to Voluntary Contributions will appear on the website, along with the Charging Policy.

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 towards the cost of materials used in art, craft, design and technology.

For example:

- Cooking activity ingredients for class or Owl groups.
- Models, purses, torches, circuits and other design technology or science activities
- Special craft materials for RE, Art and DT days, Christmas, Easter and Book Week.

At Grangefield we collect Grange Money once per year. Currently Grange Money is £2 per term (six term year) or £12 per year.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The school is able to ask for voluntary contributions from parents to fund activities during school hours which would not otherwise be possible.

Some activities for which the school may ask parents for voluntary contributions include: trips, workshops, swimming, performances and cycling proficiency

There is no obligation for parents to make any contribution, and no child will be excluded from an activity if their parents are unwilling or unable to pay.

If the school is unable to raise enough funds for an activity or visit then it will be cancelled.

Children in receipt of free school meals will not be charged and the Pupil Premium funding received by the school will be used to pay this cost.

This policy will be reviewed by the Resources Committee annually.

Next Review Autumn 2021.