

CRACOE & RYLSTONE VC CE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGING POLICY

In general, no charge can be made for admitting pupils to maintained schools. Where education is provided wholly or mainly during school hours, it should be free. It is therefore not possible to levy a compulsory charge for transport or admission costs for swimming lessons or for visits to museums, etc. during school hours.

The LA or governing body may not charge for anything unless they have drawn up a statement of general policy on charging. The governing body's policy may be more or less generous than the LA's, as long as it meets the requirements of the law.

Voluntary Contributions

Parents and carers of pupils at Cracoe & Rylstone Primary School may be asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of:

- any activity which takes place during school hours
- school equipment
- school funds generally.

The contribution must be genuinely voluntary, though, and the pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to 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 shortfall, then the activity will be cancelled.

Residential Trips

Parents and carers of pupils at Cracoe & Rylstone Primary School will be asked to contribute towards the cost of board and lodging for residential trips, except for parents who receive:

- Free School Meals
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Working Families' Tax Credit
- Disabled Person's Tax Credit

Instrumental Music Lessons

Charges will be made for instrumental music tuition unless the tuition is part of the National Curriculum. North Yorkshire LA or private music tutors will handle charging for peripatetic music lessons held in school.

Use of the School Building

A charge will be made for individuals or groups who wish to make use of our school building/premises/facilities for activities out of normal school use. If these individuals/groups also use our school resources, they will be charged accordingly for items used which need to be replaced. See our school **Lettings Policy** for further details.

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