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The Governing Body endorses the policy of Wirral Council with respect to charging for school activities. Details are published on the council's website: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/education-and-learning/extra-curricular/charging-clubs-and-activities>

The Governing Body at Raeburn believes that education in our school should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by their parents being unwilling or unable to pay towards the costs of education.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Parents may, however, be asked to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of a trip or visit. Trips and visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at Raeburn and it is hoped that parents will feel able to support the school in its efforts to provide a full and interesting curriculum for all of its pupils. If the contributions made are not sufficient to enable a planned trip to take place, the Headteacher may cancel the trip or make such changes to the organisation of the trip as she thinks necessary.

[All trips and visits will be organised under the direction of the Headteacher and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the LA (circ. 1/86). School visits, which involve hazardous or overnight stays, will only take place with the approval of the Governing Body and LA. Teachers organising such trips will be responsible to the Headteacher at all times.]

Charges will be made to cover the costs of board and lodging on residential trips. However, parents will not be charged for board and lodging if their child is entitled to free school meals, or where school is aware that they are in receipt of Income Support or Working Tax Credit for any part of the period when the trip takes place.

We will not charge parents for staff costs or for the cost of materials at residential centres and will not charge for travel to and from outdoor centres if the visit takes place during school hours. However, we will charge for travel if the visit is an optional extra. There will be a charge for board and lodging at the LA's centre (Oaklands), but a grant is payable to families in receipt of Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Disability Working Allowance or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance when the visit takes place.

CURRICULUM COSTS

Where pupils are making a product in class, parents may be asked for payment or materials/ ingredients if they have said they want to own the finished product. Parents will be asked before an activity is undertaken whether they will wish to purchase the final product.

Parents may be asked for a payment towards the cost of repairing or replacing any part of the fabric of the school, or any item of school property, which has been damaged or lost as a result of their child's actions.

Parents may be charged for 'optional extras', that is activities which are provided mainly out of school hours and which are not part of the school curriculum. If parents would like their children to take part in such activities but are unable to meet the full cost, financial assistance may be available. The Headteacher is happy to talk to parents in confidence about the possibility.

Parents will only be asked for examination fees in the circumstances outlined in the Authority's Policy Statement.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION – EXTERNAL PROVISION

Parents will be charged at the rate set by individual Music teachers, the cost will be dependent on whether an individual or group lesson is taken. Children entitled to free school meals will be entitled to receive a group lesson free of charge. This subsidy also applies to Looked After Children. For individual lessons, the difference between that and the group lesson will be charged.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY - COACHING (football, judo club etc.)

As the coaching company are not paying for the hire of facilities and charges are made to those individual children who have registered to take part, individual payments are made by parents/carers direct to the company name.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

All pupils in Years F2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch (Universal Infant Free School Meals)

Pupils who meet the criteria & have been awarded entitlement to free school lunch are also entitled to a free meal.

All other pupils are charged at the current rate as detailed in the schedule of charges document. Payment should be made in advance, by Tuesday for meals the following week. Adult meals are charged at the current rate as in the schedule of charges document.

SCHOOL MILK

School milk is administered by an external provider, 'Cool Milk at School Ltd' Payment for milk is made directly to the company.

Milk is free for children who meet the criteria & have been awarded entitlement. Milk is also free for children up until their 5th birthday. All other children are charged at the current rate as in the schedule of charges document.

LETTINGS

Lettings are charged at the current rate as in the schedule of charges document.

Schedule of charges to be agreed annually at full governing body meeting.