

Wymondley JMI School



Wymondley Charging Policy

This policy was approved by the Governing Body in October 2025

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A Herts for Learning policy adopted by Wymondley JMI School. This policy has been negotiated with the relevant professional associations and trade unions and is recommended for adoption

INTRODUCTION

The teaching staff and governing body of Wymondley JMI are proud of the wide range of activities offered to the pupils of the school that enhance and enrich their learning. The cost to parents of this provision is kept to a minimum. However, it is the school's policy to charge parents in respect of a number of types of activity. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 1996.

ACTIVITIES WITHIN SCHOOL HOURS

Parents are requested to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of activities, such as

- School trips
- Swimming
- Visits by individuals and groups, e.g. authors and artists/theatre and music groups
- Workshop sessions, e.g. dance, writing
- Resources required for practical subjects including those required for food technology and cooking sessions

School trips and visits are a valuable way of enriching the curriculum and educational experiences of our children. The occurrence of trips and visits for each year group is carefully planned, and regularly reviewed, to ensure breadth, balance and relevance of provision. The cost of each day trip is carefully considered. Parents are invited to make a contribution to cover the cost of day trips. All contributions are voluntary. If insufficient contributions are received a trip may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may, if parental permission has been given, include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children are not treated any differently from their peers. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have the right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information upon request.

Assistance with payment may be sought, in strict confidence, by approaching the school office. Wymondley JMI School will endeavour to support families who are experiencing financial hardship and/or in receipt of income-related benefits wherever possible.

WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB PROVISION

We make a charge for the breakfast club, which acts as wraparound care. The details of these charges are set out on the school website and are £5 per session. This charge is reviewed annually and communicated to parents/carers. There are no refunds for this provision unless the school cancels the club.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Residential trips are organised every other year for the children in years 3/4 and 5/6, provided a member of staff is willing to take responsibility for such a trip. Parents will be charged for the board and lodging costs of a residential trip and all activities that take place out of school hours.

Voluntary contributions will be sought for activities undertaken during school hours on a residential trip. This means that residential trips are made up of a mixture of voluntary and charged contributions. Trips may be cancelled if insufficient voluntary contributions are received.

Parents who experience financial difficulties will be invited to discuss with the Headteacher the possibilities for assisting in funding a residential trip including the option to apply to the Hertfordshire Educational Foundation or Hitchin Youth Trust for a grant toward the cost.

OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITIES

These take place outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. Participation in these activities is made on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet any charges that are made. These activities include:-

Teacher-led after school clubs e.g. dance, sport

After school clubs led by external providers

PTA activities e.g. discos.

LOST AND DAMAGED EQUIPMENT

Parents are asked to cover the cost of lost or damaged equipment and resources, e.g. reading and library books, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

MUSIC TUITION

When peripatetic music lessons are provided within the school day, they are paid for by the parents. The parents are asked to give half a term's notice for their child stopping music lessons. The parents and children sign a contract to that effect before starting

Remission of fees: Some parents may have the fees or 50% of the fees remitted. These are parents on low incomes who have filled in the section 'Help with Music Fees' on the 'How can we help?' application form and have asked the school to apply for remission of fees.

Please note that details regarding music tuition refer to tuition provided by Herts Music Service.

For Rocksteady lessons, 2 bursary places are available, provided 50/50 funded by school and Rocksteady. These are allocated at the school's discretion. To enquire about the availability of bursary places, parents should contact the office in strictest confidence.