



At Claypool everyone is valued, inspired and nurtured on their individual journey of success.

Charging for School Activities Policy

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Last interim review by the Policy Lead	Autumn 2025
Last full review by the Policies Committee	Summer 2026

Next interim review by the Policy Lead	Autumn 2026
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Aim

To keep costs to a minimum in order to maximise opportunity.

Curriculum costs

At Claypool we aim to offer a broad and balanced curriculum that all children can access and enjoy. In order to do this class teachers are encouraged to take the children outside the classroom at every opportunity. Teachers take full advantage of the local neighbourhood and any activities that are offered to us free of charge. However some activities do incur a cost and travelling beyond the immediate vicinity increases the cost of visits.

It is policy at Claypool to keep the cost of such visits to a minimum and to pass on as little of the costs as possible to families. Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the cost of curriculum visits up to a maximum of £30 per visit. This is a voluntary contribution, not a charge. Any costs above £30 per pupil are covered by School Funds. Individual children are not excluded from visits if a contribution to the cost is withheld, but if insufficient numbers of families choose to make a contribution then the trip may not be viable and will be cancelled.

Extra-curricular costs

After school activities run by the school staff are offered free of charge to the children. However there are occasions when activities run by private companies are offered and these may incur a cost. These activities are available as part of our provision of wider opportunities but there is no obligation on the part of parents to take up the opportunities offered. The school does not charge for the use of premises, heating etc in order to keep costs to the provider to a minimum.

Donations

There are occasions in school when activities are provided in order to raise funds for specific events or to boost school funds. (Own clothes days, dressing up days etc) Donations to such events are exactly that, donations not charges. No child will be excluded from such an event. Donations to charities are sometimes requested as part of the children's PSHE programme of study. Such fund raising on behalf of others less fortunate than themselves is again voluntary.