



ASHGATE NURSERY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 sets out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England.

The Governors, in consultation with the Head teacher are responsible for the implementation of the charging policy and the determination of any individual case arising from the implementation of this policy.

School governing bodies and local authorities cannot charge for education provided within school hours including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment.

Charges may be made for some activities that are known as optional extras. Participation in any optional extra activity will be on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet the charges. Parental agreement is therefore a pre-requisite for the provision of an optional extra where charges need to be made.

A school governing body may ask for voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or any school activities. There is no obligation for parents to make such a contribution but some activities may not take place without such contributions.

At Ashgate Nursery School:

We ask for voluntary contributions from parents to support the provision of a daily snack for children and towards cooking and baking activities.

We sometimes organise trips outside the nursery for which we may have to ask for a voluntary contribution towards transport costs to enable the trip to take place.

Charges are made for school meals at an amount determined by the LA and schools meals contractor, but no charge will be made for pupils entitled to free school meals.

Wraparound daycare is offered by the Mackworth Morley Children's Centre at the nursery with the charges set by the Local Authority.

The school may seek to recover some or all of the costs incurred due to wilful damage of school property or to property belonging to a third party where the school had been charged. This will be determined by the Head teacher.