

All education at Southmere Primary Academy during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the daily curriculum.

### **Voluntary contributions**

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may unfortunately need to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Every visit is subsidised by the academy to limit the contributions requested. When calculating the contribution requested per pupil the total cost for the visit including transport and any admission charges minus this subsidy are divided equally amongst the number of pupils expected to participate. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, for which voluntary contributions from parents may be requested. These activities are designed to enhance curriculum provision in the broadest sense. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- transport;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

The academy uses the government funding known as Sport Premium in order to provide access to sporting events and competitions free of charge.

### **Residential visits**

If the Academy organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, we aim to make the payments as flexible as possible in order to promote access of the activity to as many pupils as possible. Wherever possible payment plans are offered to allow parents to pay more substantial amounts over a longer period of time. Pupils entitled to Pupil Premium are asked for a substantially reduced contribution to residential visits.

## **Swimming**

The academy organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2 during one academic year, currently Year Four. These take place in school time and are part of the PE curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

## **Extended School Activities**

The school offers a range of additional activities after school. These may be run by adults who are not a member of the school staff. In order to enable the broadest range of children to be able to access additional activities these clubs are provided free of charge for all pupils. Should the need arise and a charge needs to be made for a specific activity these would be subsidised by the academy in order to make them as accessible to all as possible.

The cost of breakfast club is again set at a low price and is heavily subsidised by school in order to provide a quality, low-cost service for parents and families. For the academic year 2017-18 the daily cost of breakfast club (8 – 8:45) with a breakfast is 50p per child and provided free of charge for pupils entitled to pupil premium.