

# Branton Community Primary School and Breamish Valley Community Nursery



## Charging Policy

Approval and Authorisation

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# Branton Primary School Charging Policy

All education during school hours for reception to year 6 is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum in school with the exception of individual music tuition or instrument hire to enable children to take instruments home.

## School Lunches

The cost for school lunches is currently £2.20 per day, or £11.00 per week. Parents will be notified in advance of any changes to this amount.

Parents of children in Nursery and Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) pay for lunches.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM) through a government funded scheme where all infant age pupils are entitled to a hot school meal free of charge regardless of individual financial circumstances.

It is still essential that if you are entitled to income related free school meals you apply as greater benefits will be received for yourself and for school.

We ask that lunches are paid for in advance. If more than ten days dinner money is outstanding we may ask that you provide packed lunches for your child until the outstanding amount is paid.

### You can

- pay each **Monday** for the lunches for that week
- pay for the **half term**, at the beginning of the half term, if you are unsure of the amount/number of days, please ask
- pay for the **term**, at the beginning of the term; again please ask if you are unsure of the amount/number of days

**All payments are made electronically via School Money. You will receive login details once your child is on roll at the school or nursery.**

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we will carry forward that credit to the next payment due.

## Milk

From September 2023 we will again be charging for milk for school aged children over the age of 5. Mrs McCann will be in touch with the costs for the Autumn term.

## **Nursery**

All children who are 3 – 4 years old are entitled to 15 hours. Some children will qualify for an additional 15 hours of funding dependent on eligibility requirements and information can be found at

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

There is funding available for 2 year olds which again is dependent on the family meeting the eligibility requirements and information is available following the link above.

At Breamish Valley Community Nursery we offer paid for sessions for any families who do not meet the eligibility requirements and the current costs are available on the school website, on request from the school and also detailed at the end of this document.

We ask that sessions are booked and paid for in advance, and you will be alerted to any outstanding amounts via School Money by text and/or email. Sessions booked need to be paid for even if your child does then not attend, so unfortunately no refunds will be given.

## **Voluntary contributions**

When organising school visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. Cancellation will be based on affordability. 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. Often the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. 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 organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips;
- musical events.

## **Residential visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, it is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and coach costs.

## **Music Tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this whole school group activity although as stipulated above we may need to charge for instrument hire to cover the insurance costs of allowing your child to take their instrument home. This will be shared with you at the appropriate time.

## **Swimming**

Swimming is a mandatory part of the PE curriculum. Voluntary contributions are requested from parents to cover the cost of transport and tuition. We will be in touch and any weekly voluntary contributions will be payable via School Money.

## **Before and after school provision (Wrap-around provision)**

From October 2023, we are again operating an after-school club called Branton Buddies. Sessions run from the end of the school day up to 5:30pm, (5pm on a Friday) on demand. All children in school and the Nursery and from other provisions are welcome to attend

Sessions can be booked in 30-minute increments and are chargeable to £3.00 per 30-minute session (£6.00 per hour) from September 2023.

Sessions need to be booked and paid for **in advance** via School Money.

## **After school activities**

Some After School Activity Clubs, that run until 4pm will have a cost attached to them. These clubs will be need to be booked for and paid for via School Money.

**Emma Miller**

**Headteacher**

**Reviewed September 2023**

## Nursery Costs Autumn Term 2023

**Nursery Costs for children not eligible for funding or who want their children to attend the provision for extra hours above the funding allocation from 1st September 2023**

### Half day sessions

(Our hourly rate is now £5.00 for 3-4 year olds and £6.00 for 2 year olds)

- Morning session **9am to 12pm** are **£15.00 for 3-4 year olds**
- Morning session **9am to 12:30pm** are **£15 for 3-4 year olds**
- Morning session **9am to 12pm** are **£18.00 for 2 year olds**
- Morning session **9am to 12:30pm** are **£18 for 2 year olds**
- Afternoon session from **12pm to 3pm** are **£15.00 for 3-4 year old**
- Afternoon session from **12pm to 3pm** are **£18.00 for 2 year olds**

### Full day session

From **9.00 am to 3.00 pm**, our full day sessions cost

- **£27.50 for 3-4 year olds**
- **£33.00 for 2 year olds.**

We have different rates for 3-4 year olds and 2 year olds due to the different staffing ratios necessary for the age of the children.

All sessions need to be booked and paid for in advance.

### **Lunches (from 12.00 to 12.30 pm each day)**

Lunch costs for children attending funded 2, 3 or 4 year old sessions

- £2.20 per day, payable in advance.

If you wish to use child care vouchers, please speak to Mrs McCann.

All payments are made via **School Money**. Once your child is registered with us, and following their first day of attendance, you will receive login details to access the site.