

Branton Primary School and Nursery



Charging Policy

Approval and Authorisation

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Charges for School Activities

Charges for School Activities In accordance with Sections 450-461 of the Education Act 1996, the Academy Committee makes no charge for education or educational activities provided during school hours as part of the published curriculum. However, the Academy Committee recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of pupils. The Academy Committee therefore reserves the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by the school, which will not exceed the actual cost of the activity.

School Lunches

The cost for school lunches is currently £2.50 per day, or £12.50 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.

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 2025 we will again be charging for milk for school aged children over the age of 5. Mrs Lindsay will be in touch with the costs.

Nursery

All children who are 3 – 4 years old are entitled to 15 hours of Nursery provision. Children from working families may 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 for families receiving government support or those who are working. Eligibility requirements and information is available following the link above.

At our 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

No charge will be made for such visits other than board and lodging charges. The Academy Committee recognises that they will provide part remission from the charge for board and lodging to pupils whose families are in receipt of Free School Meals. Where activities are organised and charged by a third party e.g. independent tour operator, the school may provide for full or partial remission of charges.

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

School will fund the cost of swimming lessons given that swimming is an essential part of the national curriculum for PE. Voluntary contributions from parents will be requested to cover any transport costs

Wrap around provision

Branton Buddies, runs from 8am to 8:40am and at the end of the school day (3:15pm main school and 3pm Nursery) until 6pm. All children in school and the Nursery and from other provisions are welcome to attend

Sessions that can be booked for children in Reception to Year 6:

8am to 8:40am for £3

3:15pm to 5pm for £8

3:15 to 6pm for £12

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

After School Clubs

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.

Nursery Costs

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 2025

Half day sessions

(Our hourly rate is £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 **£17.50 for 3-4 year olds**
- Afternoon session from **12pm to 3pm** are **£15.00 for 3-4 year olds**

- Morning session **9am to 12pm** are **£18.00 for 2 year olds**
- Morning session **9am to 12:30pm** are **£21 for 2 year olds**
- 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

- £2.50 per day, payable in advance.

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

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.