



## Charging Policy 2025

### Basic Principles

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is a clarity over those items which the school will provide free of charge and for those items where there may be a charge.

The Education Reform Act 1988 states that the education provided by any maintained school for its registered children should be free of charge. With the exception of the items listed below Eling Infant School and Nursery avoids making any charge for a curriculum led activity. Even when a voluntary contribution is sought, no child is prevented from participating in the activity due to parental or family circumstances.

This policy should therefore not impact on children's learning because all children will have the same opportunity to take part in all educational trips.

The policy is written incorporating information from the LEA policy and DfE guidance

### School Visits

When organising school trips which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents / carers to contribute to the cost of the trip. A letter will be written to the parents / carers of the children that are to participate in the visit giving details of the proposed visit, its educational value and cost. All contributions are voluntary, however if insufficient funds are available it may be necessary to curtail or cancel activities.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents / carers.

- Local visits
- School trips
- Technology / science events (to help pay for consumables)
- Performances in school by professional entertainment companies

### Breakages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Headteacher, in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body, may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

### Optional activities/ extras outside of the school day

We reserve the right to charge for optional extra activities/ extras provided outside the school day, for example an after-school sport club. All after school sports clubs are charged at £5.00 per hour and those not able to pay due to being in receipt of PP funding are not disadvantaged as they are offered free spaces throughout the year.

### Lettings

To hire and rent space in the school premises will incur a charge and this has been agreed by the School Governors following Hampshire Guidance.

## **Out of School Care – Penguins Breakfast and Tea Time Club**

The fees for our Breakfast and After School Club are £5.00 per hour which includes all refreshments. Further guidance for this is in the Extended Day Charging Policy

Please see our:

- Penguins Breakfast and Tea Time Club Information Booklet
- Penguins Breakfast and Tea Time Club Terms and Conditions
- Extended Day Charging Policy

Payment for our clubs can be paid on line via the following link: <https://eling-infant-school.uk.arbor.sc/>

## **Cool Milk**

Once children reach the age of five parents have the option to pay for their children to have a carton of milk each day. This is provided by Cool Milk.

To find out further information and to register simply follow this link: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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<b>Date to be agreed by governing body: March 2025</b> <b>Date to be reviewed: March 2026</b>
<b>Signed:</b>