

BINBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY SCHOOL

***POLICY FOR
CHARGING
July 2026***

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Binbrook Church of England Primary School

Charging Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

We are a cashless school; we do not accept cash in school for payments, all payments must be made online using Parenthub.

Voluntary Contributions

When Organising school trips or 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 have to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not made 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. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have the right to know how each trip is funded. This school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- Educational visits;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Residential visits;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Transport to Swimming;
- Musical Events

Residential visits

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

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal School Curriculum. We do not charge for this.

Music tuition is available in school however there is a charge for this service. These charges are paid by parents directly to the School Music Service at Lincolnshire County Council.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for pupils; these take place in the school day and are part of the National Curriculum. Parents will be asked to contribute towards the cost of transport and the hire of the pool. No child is prevented from taking part if their parents are unable to meet these costs, however the number of sessions may have to be shortened if sufficient payments are not received to cover the costs involved.

Breakfast Club and After School Activities (Wraparound Care)

A third party provider (JB Sport and Education) run Wraparound Care (WAC) in school, this includes breakfast and after school provision. Charges are made for this provision; parents contract is directly with JB Sport and Education and payment for the provision is made directly to them.

School Dinners

Hot school lunches are available for any parent wishing to purchase them. They are provided by Ideal School Meals; payment is made by means of an online system directly with Ideal School Meals.

Pupils entitled to free school meals receive a hot or cold lunch which should be ordered online by parents.

Pre School (Class Owlets)

Charges are made for children to attend preschool. Session times are 9am – 12midday and 12midday – 3pm. The charges currently are £18.00 per session for 3 and 4 year old children. The setting is open 38 weeks of the year during school term time only.

Fees are payable for the full term during the first week of term or alternatively if paying weekly, fees are due at the beginning of the week. All payments should be made online via ParentHub. If payments are not made, pupils may not be allowed to attend until payments are up to date. Charges will be incurred for sickness and holidays during term time however charges will not be made in the event of the preschool closing due to adverse weather etc.

All 3 and 4 year olds will be entitled to up to 15 hours per week funded on completion of an Early Years Declaration Form; if the form is not completed you will be charged the appropriate fee. To be eligible for 3 year old funding cut off dates stated below apply. Charges will be incurred for sickness and holidays during term time however charges will not be made in the event of the preschool closing due to adverse weather etc.

Some 3 and 4 year olds will be entitled to an additional 15 hours of childcare per week (30 hours in total). Parents must apply via the website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. If eligible, parents must provide us with the appropriate 11-digit eligibility code; it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to reapply every 3 months to confirm continued entitlement. Again an Early Years Declaration Form must be completed in respect of these hours.

Entitlement to 3 year old funding commences in the term following the child's third birthday.

To be eligible for funding on 1 January the child must be 3 no later than 31 December;

To be eligible for funding on 1 April the child must be 3 no later than 31 March;

To be eligible for funding on 1 September the child must be 3 no later than 31 August.