GRANGE
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grange Junior School
Charging Policy

Rationale:

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities and experiences can make towards a pupils education. It is important that children are given a chance to learn through a range of experiences both within the school as well as off-site. The Education Act 1996 and the Education Regulations 1999, make special reference to the circumstances under which schools can make a charge for activities arranged for children. The Governing Body has set out below, it's policy in respect of charging for school activities.

School trips and visitors in school

When organising school trips and visitors which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary, however if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel the trip/visitor.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unable to make a voluntary contribution, we will discuss this matter with the parents in order to support the child to participate in the trip or activity.

If there are limited places for a school trip/visit then the school's procedure for allocating places will be made clear at the start.

See Appendix 1 for this Years planned trips.

Residential Visits

The school organises residential visits in Year 4 to Stubbington Study Centre and Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor Activities Centre. Schools are permitted to charge for the cost of board and lodging and the transport to and from the Centre. The school believes these trips are an important part of a child's development; however it is unable to accept contributions towards the cost in the same way as it can for day trips. The cost of such trips may be payable by installments with the non-refundable deposit clearly stated on the initial trip letter. If financial reasons prevent a child attending a residential trip we ask that the matter is brought to the attention of the school so that it can investigate other funding opportunities that might be available in such circumstances. Places are limited for residential trips, therefore the school's procedure for allocating places will be made clear at the start.

Behaviour: School trips/ residentials
If a child's behavior is a cause for concern in terms of putting their own or others safety at risk, there will be a conversation with parents to decide upon the best course of action to support the child. It may be that the decision for the children to miss the trip and engage in the curriculum at school may be more appropriate.
If a child's behavior is cause for concern during the school trip, the child will be brought back to school or parents will be asked to collect their child. Any costs involved will be charged to the child's parents.

School productions
Each year the school puts on a performance for parents in December.
Lower school (years 3 & 4) take part in a carol service at St Mary's church with voluntary donations for the church on the door.

Upper school (years 5 & 6) put on a drama production for parents in the school hall. Tickets can be purchased and this charge goes towards the license fee for the production, some of the costumes that need to be purchased by the school as well as maintenance of our lighting and sound system equipment.

Music Tuition
We participate in the 'Listen 2 Me' programme which is run by Hampshire Music Service. Every year, Year 4 receive a one hour session of musical instrument tuition, weekly. A total of three instruments are taught over the year (one per term). This project is free to parents as the school covers the total cost.

Extra-Curricular activities/After school clubs
Parents/carers who wish their child to participate in extra-curricular activities provided by outside organisations e.g after school sports clubs, are charged in accordance with the organisations costings. Such clubs are subsidised by the school, if there is a short fall in numbers, to avoid cancelling clubs where possible.

Booster sessions
The school provide after school booster classes for a small number of children, identified by the class teacher as requiring extra support to secure their learning/ requiring deepening of learning. These sessions are timetabled across the year and are free of charge.

Materials & Textbooks
No charge is made for resources used within school. In some areas of the curriculum the children will make items (i.e torches in Design Technology) where a nominal charge to cover costs might apply if the child wishes to take the item home.

School uniform
School uniform is compulsory. Uniform and PE Kit can be purchased via a link to our uniform provider on the school website.

Damage to school premises or equipment
If a child is responsible for willful damage to school property parents will be asked to pay for the cost involved.

Fundraising events

All fundraising events are organised by the school. As far as possible we do aim to pre-plan our fundraising events and spread them evenly across the year. Any contributions are voluntary and will contribute towards the focus of fundraising identified for the academic year.

Below is a typical picture of fundraising events across the academic year, but please note that some events may be added/removed depending on circumstances at the time.

	School fundraising events	Charitable fundraising events
Autumn 1	School photographer (individual)	
Autumn 2	Halloween disco – (cost of ticket includes hot dog of pizza slice, cookie and drink) Halloween glow sticks Non-uniform day: chocolate donation for Christmas Fayre Upper school performance Santa's Grotto Christmas fayre & raffle	Children in Need dress up spotty Poppy Appeal
Spring 1	Valentine disco (cost of ticket includes hot dog of pizza slice, cookie and drink) Non Uniform day – £1 donation	
Spring 2	NSPCC Visit – voluntary donations Non-uniform day – chocolate donation for the Easter Raffle Easter Raffle Easter Bingo – sale of food and drinks	Red nose day and dress in red - £1 donation
Summer 1	School photographer (group) Ice pop sales	
Summer 2	Non Uniform Day - £1 donation Year 6 fundraising for leavers Ice pop sales Leavers Books Sports day: sale of food & drinks Summer Fayre	

Reviewed: July 2026
Next Review: July 2027

Appendix 1
School Trips for 2026-27

Year 3

Term	Trips	Costings
Autumn	Butser Farm	£9.10
Spring	No Trips	£0
Summer	Local beach trip for Geography	£1
	Total Costing for Year	**£10.10**

Year 4

Term	Trips	Costings
Autumn	Viking Workshop	£6.90
Spring	No Trip	£0
Summer	River Trip	£13.80
	Total Costing for Year	**£20.70**

Residential: Stubbington Study Centre (Spring Term): **£298.00.**

Year 5

Term	Trips	Costings
Autumn	In Tech Planetarium	£7.30
Spring	Titchfield Village	£2
Spring	Mary Rose	£20.00
Summer	Marwell Zoo	£13.20
	Total Costing for Year	**£42.50**

Year 6

Term	Trips	Costings
Autumn	Watercress Line	£16.80
Spring	CEMAST Stem	£11.00
Summer	Paultons Park	£29.00
	Total Costing for Year	**£56.80**

Residential: Fairthorne Manor (Summer Term) **£237.00**