Charging Policy
September 2025 – August 2026

Barnwell Academy
Learning Together and Having Fun

Basic Principles
No charge can be made for education during school hours. The definition of 'education' includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Academy to carry pupils between the school and the activity. 'School hours' are those when the school is actually in session, and do not include the break in the middle of the day. School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the pupils' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. These are undertaken with the voluntary contributions of parents. No pupil will be excluded from an educational activity because his or her parents cannot or will not make a voluntary contribution. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered to parents who wish to pay in this way.

Exception
There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Charges will be made for teaching either an individual pupil, or small groups of pupils, to play a musical instrument if the teaching is not part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil. From September 2025 the charges for music lessons are:

- £5.40 per lesson
- Free for children who are eligible for free school meals

There will be a minimum of 30 music lessons during one school year, however, these may not be equally divided amongst the three terms. If lessons are missed through a change in the school's timetable, school will provide a refund or transfer to another account (for example, school meals).

Voluntary Contributions
Parents may be invited to make voluntary contributions to extend the value of school funds. If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. If a planned activity has to be cancelled any monies received will be returned. Parents will be asked to make voluntary contributions to school trips, visits or for practical activities such as technology. These contributions will not exceed the actual cost. Where an outside provider is used for out of school activities a voluntary contribution will be sought.

Residential Activities
No charge is made for a residential activity taking place largely during school time where this charge is for education. Charges are made to cover board and lodgings.

After School Activities
Parents are required to make a contribution towards the costs of facilitating After School Activities. School will endeavour to keep these costs to a minimum and to ensure best value is achieved. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will qualify for a reduction in these charges.

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

Tax Free Childcare / Childcare Vouchers
The Academy does accept childcare vouchers for payment/ or part-payment for childcare delivery in our Out of School Club and Daycare/Nursery settings, but not for Key Stage 2 school dinners, milk money or other primary school fees.

Inflationary rise
We will review our charges annually to ensure they accurately represent inflationary rises and our other costs.

In case of financial difficulty Parents should contact the Headteacher.

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OOSH Early Start Breakfast Club
8.00 a.m. – 8.55 a.m. £2.95

OOSH After School Club
Full session (3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.) £7.20

After 5 p.m.: Late collection fee £6.45

Concessions given to siblings (10%) on all OOSH fees.

After School Clubs

Charges to be decided on a termly basis.

Monument Centre Facilities

Sports Hall (Mon to Fri), e.g. lettings	£34.00 per hour
Sports Hall (weekend) e.g. birthday parties	£36.00 per hour (children on roll at Barnwell)
	£41.50 per hour (children not on roll at Barnwell)

Day Care

	Per session	Per day	Per week
0 to 2-year olds	£34.00	£60.00	£280.00
2-year olds	£32.00	£58.00	£270.00
3-year olds	£30.00	£56.00	£260.00

Fees include all meals, drinks and snacks prepared by our in-house catering team.

Late collection fee £6.45

Concessions given to siblings (10%). Please see Daycare terms and conditions for further information on Daycare fees and charges.

School Lunch for Key Stage 2 children

£2.65 per day

Please visit https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals for further information of free school meals.