



# **Charging Policy**

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## **1 Introduction**

1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

## **2 Voluntary contributions**

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. 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.

2.2 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 a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised 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 or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

2.4 Parents unable or unwilling to pay these voluntary contributions should contact their child's class teacher or Head Teacher in the first instance to discuss their position.

## **3 Residential visits**

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, mainly made up of activities listed above such as outdoor adventure activities this would require voluntary contributions from parents.

If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

## **4 Music tuition**

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **5 Swimming**

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in the summer term. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover some of the costs of running the pool in lieu of transport costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

## **6 Extra-curricular activities**

6.1 The school offers additional activities which run either at lunchtime or after school. Some providers of these activities charge parents directly for attendance at the sessions.