

Policy on Charging

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 and carers 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 or carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. Pupil Premium funding is used to make enrichment/extra curricular activities accessible to our FSM and LAC pupils.
- 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 allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity, whether or not they are entitled to Pupil premium funding. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents and carers 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 and carers. 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;
 - school trips;
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 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 not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

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, but parents and carers in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents and carers 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 Key Stages 1 and 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity or for the cost of transport. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are

to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

6 Sports

- 6.1 The school offers additional sports coaching after school. Qualified coaches, who are not a member of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

7 Other after school clubs

- 7.1 Non-sports activities that are offered as an after school club by providers other than school staff (all DBS cleared and qualified to lead activities with our pupils) may incur a charge to cover the cost of the activity.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.

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