



Charging Policy- November 2016

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

We do feel that first hand experience should be part of all children's learning and we will, each term arrange opportunities to enhance the children experience. Some may incur costs.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 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 cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not exclude any child for a trip on the grounds of non- payment of a voluntary contribution.
- 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 we arrive at the cost of each trip. The school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized 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 activities;
 - visits to the theatre;
 - musical events.

3 Music tuition

- 3.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 3.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We can and do make a charge for these lessons.

4 Swimming

- 4.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but do ask for voluntary contributions to pay for the transport to and from the pool. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

5 After-school Clubs

- 5.1** The school offers **optional** additional activities as after-school clubs. We make a charge for some of these to cover additional staff or coaching costs. Some are run by outside agencies and only hosted by the school. Payments are made directly to these organisations.

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