



CHARGING POLICY

Introduction

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 some individual or small-group music tuition. This policy is reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier, if necessary.

Voluntary contributions

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 or a part contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. At the governor's discretion some trips may be subsidised from additional funding streams.

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, which is part of the national Curriculum. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit, depending on circumstances. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

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.
- school trips abroad.
- Musical events.

Residential visits

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 make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Depending on the circumstances of the pupil, we would seek to recover any outstanding debts for such an activity.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There may be a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is a wider curriculum activity, and not part of the statutory curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers teach these individual or small-group lessons. We may make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school currently organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore currently make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

Extended Schools

The school offers extended school provision in the form of Breakfast Club, After School Provision and After School Clubs. This provision is outside of the school day and an additional cost to the school. Parents/carers are required to pay for this additional service. Any outstanding debts for provision are sought by the school. School offer funded places for children in receipt of PPG funding (see PPG action plan and Equality Policy). Under special circumstances the school may offer support to parents/carers for an extended service.