



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 individual or group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions

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 treat these children differently from any others.

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

The following is a list of possible additional activities that may be 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 the theatre;
- musical events.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge for travel expenses and the cost of board and lodging, which can be made by instalments. The Headteacher will inform all parents of the right to claim free board and lodging if they are receipt of certain benefits. If parents are experiencing financial difficulties they are invited to contact the Headteacher or Business Manager in confidence.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. 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. They make a charge for these lessons if the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children throughout the school. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. The cost of this activity is paid by the school. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

30 Hours Nursery Funding

For children who fulfil the government eligibility criteria and who are in receipt of 30 hours free entitlement they will be offered sessions that run from 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday. Not included in these hours is a daily 1 hour lunchtime session, which is available for parents to select for a charge of £4 per session (parents must provide a packed lunch).

Chair of Governors

Date

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