



Policy on Charging

The policy will be applied to all people equally regardless of: age, disability, gender, gender identity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy and marriage or civil partnership. This is in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

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.

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 make a voluntary contribution to the cost. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a visit.

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. We do not treat these children differently from any others. The school subsidises the cost of each trip to reduce the cost to parents. We do this using some of our Pupil Premium Funding. 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;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events;
- After school clubs

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 ask for parental contributions to cover the costs of board and lodging. Travel expenses are to be met, however the school may subsidise these costs. 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. There is a charge for these lessons, but children in receipt of free school meals (exception of universal infant free school meals) are exempt from payment. Children who take part in such tuition pay for hire of instruments after a certain period has elapsed. We give parents information about additional music tuition when their child reaches Year 3.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the parents' written permission for their children to take part.

6 Sports coaching

6.1 The school offers additional sports coaching after school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We may make a small charge for these sessions to cover costs, though most after school clubs are funded using our Sports Premium Funding.

7 Monitoring and review

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

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