



Charging Policy

Introduction

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

School trips/visits and activities during in school time - voluntary contributions

When organising school activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not made a proposed event would be cancelled unless school is able to cover the shortfall arising from parents and carers unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution. If the event does proceed each child would be allowed to participate fully without discrimination irrespective of contribution circumstances.

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

The following is a list of additional activities sometimes 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 – sometimes involving transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

Parents and carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/ activities and school will provide details of how each individual voluntary contribution amount has been determined. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

Residential visits - Charges

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 or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and may invite voluntary contributions to meet other costs associated with the visit.

Parents and carers will be given advanced notice of proposed residential visit opportunities together with an early indication of charges and voluntary contribution requests and staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

Visiting music teachers offer individual or small group music tuition at the school which is additional to the National Curriculum. We give parents information about availability of this facility at the start of each academic year and a charge is made for these lessons.

Swimming

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 or for associated transport costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place

Out of School clubs and activities

The school offers a range of out-of-school clubs – and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision where those activities are not directly aimed at providing educational benefit to pupils.

Childcare

Parents and carers will be responsible for meeting full costs for childcare provided by school or by a partner working with school e.g. Breakfast Club. Parents and carers may be eligible for financial support towards childcare costs. Breakfast club is £2 per session and if a debt is incurred that is £20 then the children will not be able to attend until this is cleared. (See Breakfast Club Policy)

Transport to Extra-Curricular Activities

Parents and carers may be charged to cover the transport expenses associated with any trip for extra-curricular activity. Charges for transport will be strictly based on covering actual costs (as defined in legislation) with no profit element.

Loss of/ Damage to School Property

Parents and carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's misbehaviour. This includes reading scheme and library books.