

Charging Policy



Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

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 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 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 and places of interest linked to our curriculum;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Musical events
- Swimming Lessons

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 make a charge to cover the costs of travel expenses, board and lodging.

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. When required peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. We also support pupils who are in receipt of the pupil premium funding.

Out of School Activities

The school offers additional football coaching after school along with a variety of other activities. We do not make a charge for these sessions unless they are carried out by a qualified coach. Additionally we will support pupils to attend the paid sessions for free if they are in receipt of the pupil premium funding.

School Transport

Where transport costs are incurred and charges are made, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip and not to make a profit.