

Charging and Remissions Policy

1 Introduction

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

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or activities which enrich and enhance the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity or 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. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the trip. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

3 Residential visits

3.1 When the school organises a residential visit we will invite parents to make a contribution to cover the cost of transport. We may also make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive certain state benefits and/or whose children are registered Pupil Premium will receive support with this charge on request. If insufficient parental contributions are received for a residential visit the school reserves the right to cancel the trip.

4 Pupil premium

4.1 Families of children registered as Pupil Premium will receive support with contributions to trips, activities and residential (up to 50% of the overall cost).

5 Music tuition

5.1 Although all education provided during school hours is free, music lessons are an exception to this rule. Charges may now be made for teaching either an individual pupil or groups of any appropriate size to play a musical instrument or to sing.

6 Extended Provision

6.1 The school offers additional activities that take place outside of the time tabled day. When outside providers are involved, we usually make a charge for these sessions.

7 Swimming

7.1 Swimming opportunities will continue to run without charge. Any change in the Authority's present funding arrangements would involve a subsequent review by Governors.

7 Extenuating Circumstances

8.1 If any parent/carer is unable to meet the costs associated with anything covered by the above, they are invited to make a request to the Chair of Governors in writing. All requests will be considered by the Governing Body.

8. Recoveries

9.1 We encourage all members of our school community to value our environment. However parents/carers will be required to recompense the school for any damage caused by deliberate or reckless behaviour of their children.

Signed

Chair of Governors

Signed

Headteacher

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