

## Charging Policy

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 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 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 will include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- 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 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.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which may 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;
  - school trips to places of interest
  - musical events.

### 3 Residential visits

- 3.1 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 to cover the costs of board and lodging and sometimes travel expenses. Parents who receive benefits are exempt from payment.

### 4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 Peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We do not make a charge for these lessons.

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### **5 Swimming**

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all children in years 4, 5 and 6. 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.

### **6 After-School Clubs**

- 6.1** The school offers a wide range of after-school clubs, most of which are offered free of charge. From time to time, outside providers offer alternative activities which may incur a small charge for parents.

**Signed: H Middleton**

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See Educational visits policy