



## Charging and Remission Policy

### Introduction

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

### 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 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.

The following is a list of additional activities organised 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
- musical events.

### 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 do not make any charge for the education expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover part of the costs of accommodation, transport and resources. Parents who receive state benefits may be exempt from payment.

### 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. If peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons the we make a charge for these lessons according to LA guidelines. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment.

### Swimming

The school has organised swimming lessons for children in Year 2 through to Year 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity as we cover cost using some of our 'School Sport Funding'. We do

request a voluntary contribution to help towards transport costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons. School will continue with this arrangement whilst 'School Sport Funding' remains available to the school.

**Design Technology / Art & Design**

Many children make models and use a wide range of materials for work in these curriculum areas. We make no charge for these materials.

**Other Sports Coaching**

The school often offers additional sports coaching after-school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. A charge may be made for these sessions at a level according to the coaching organisation. Private organisations have their own pricing structure.

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