



## Charging 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**

When organising school visits or visitors to school 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. This decision would be taken with reference to the school's financial position. If the visit had to be cancelled the contributions would be refunded.

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;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure / residential activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.
- external providers for sport /music /drama

### **3. Residential Visits**

As these take place mainly outside school hours, we can make a charge which is not voluntary. However, we would try to ensure no child is excluded because they are unable to afford the whole amount. Parents in receipt of Free School Meals may be entitled to have some of the cost paid by the school. This information is given to parents. Information regarding the costing is sent to parents in good time before the visit to allow time to save for the visit. Payments by instalments are also encouraged.

### **4. Music Tuition**

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

## **5. 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. 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.

## **6. Sport / After School Clubs**

The school offers additional after school activities throughout the year. Most Sports Clubs are free – when the providers are school staff. Occasionally we do use outside sports coaches, where they charge for their coaching we may ask for contributions to meet the costs.

## **7. Loss and Damage to School Property**

Parents of a pupil who damages or loses any item of school property or equipment, including damage to windows or computer software, are liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

This formal statement has to be made available to all parents.

## **8. School Uniform**

All items of school uniform must be paid for at the published price. We take care to source the most inexpensive quality items available and constantly review prices/suppliers. Orders and payments are collected by the school and passed directly to the current supplier.