

CHARGING POLICY

Introduction

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

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich 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.

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, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity as long as parental consent has been given.

If appropriate and funds allow, the school may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Extra-curricular clubs such as choir or recorder are also without charge.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. This charge is paid, once recovered by the school to the music tutor via payroll. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Activities not run by the School or LA

When an organisation acting independently of the school or LA arranges an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join the activity, such organisation may charge parents.

Residential Visits

The school organises an annual residential visit for Year 6 children. The cost of this trip includes board and lodging, transport, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced. The school will ask for a voluntary contribution of an amount that would not exceed the cost of travel, accommodation and entry fees for a pupil.

The school will always supplement the cost of the residential and will apply for donations/grants from local companies/charities in order to reduce the voluntary contribution.

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- Broken windows
- Defaced, damaged or lost text books
- Replacement reading or homework diaries
- Any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour.

Special Needs

The Governing Body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil. The school will take reasonable steps to avoid putting children with special needs at a substantial disadvantage.

Review

There will be an annual review of this policy by the Full Governing Body.

Policy to be reviewed: September 2015