



Charging for School  
Activities

## **Charging for School Activities Policy**

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities and experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. The Governors aim to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils in the schools, and as additional optional activities.

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**

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 require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- visiting theatre groups/puppet shows;
- musical events.

\*excluding residential

### **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 Curriculum, we request a voluntary contribution for the education, board and lodging and travel expenses. Children in receipt of free meals are exempt from residential costs but are charged a nominal sum to cover transport costs.

### **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. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

### **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. Schools may choose to seek parental contributions towards the additional indirect costs associated with this activity, including transport costs. Any such contribution towards these costs is voluntary and will not be enforced. Furthermore pupils will not be excluded from taking part in swimming lessons simply because their parents choose not to contribute towards any additional costs.

### **After School Clubs**

The school offers additional activities after school. These activities are run on a voluntary basis and are usually provided without charge. There may be occasions where a voluntary contribution is needed to cover additional activities. After School Clubs offered by local companies, e.g., Sports Xtra, will levy their own charges paid directly to them.

### **Lost or Damaged Property**

Parents may be asked to pay the replacement costs of any school property or equipment which is lost or wilfully damaged by a pupil.

### **Equal Opportunities**

We do not discriminate (either directly or indirectly) against anyone on the grounds of their gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, ability, disability, sexuality or any aspect of their social/cultural background. Furthermore the school community is committed to countering all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. All procedures are designed to promote equality and diversity.