



# 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 for Trips & Events

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 may 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 This school may organise additional activities, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. The list is not exhaustive and might include:

- visits to museums,
- sporting activities which require transport expenses,
- outdoor adventure activities,
- visits to the theatre,
- school trips abroad,
- musical events,
- after school activities

### **3 Materials**

**3.1** The school will not charge for Materials and equipment which are needed to meet the demands of the curriculum during school hours, though parents may wish to provide them voluntarily. However, if parents wish to keep things which have been made at school, they may be asked either to provide materials for making them or to pay the costs involved.

### **4 Residential visits**

**4.1** 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 or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.

### **5 Music tuition**

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

**5.2** 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, these are charged directly to the parent/carer.

### **6 Damages and Breakages**

**6.1** The school will charge parents for the repair or replacement of lost or damaged equipment and other property belonging to the school where that loss of damage has resulted from inappropriate behaviour on the part of the pupils concerned.

**7** NLE/SLE charges. The school charges £550 per day for NLE support and £350 for SLE support. If the request for support comes via the LLA then this is reduced to £500 and £300 respectively. (To be reviewed as and when required).

**NB Those pupils who receive Pupil Premium may qualify for funding towards day and residential trips.**

**Signed:** ..... **Print** .....

**On behalf of the Finance Committee (to be reviewed annually)**

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