



## Charging Policy

### Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits that 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 an educational<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

### Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons no charge is made for these.

### 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. A contribution of £2 per week is requested towards the cost of transportation. All children are taken swimming regardless of if the contribution is made. School is responsible for accounting for the shortfall in transport costs.

### Sports Sessions

Occasionally the school offers sports coaching outside school hours. Qualified tutors, who are not members of the school staff, run and organize these sessions. No charge is made for these sessions as they are funded by the Government Sports Funding.

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<sup>1</sup> Excludes trips such as London and the Christmas pantomime