



## **Charging & Remissions Policy**

### **September 2020**

#### **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 additional 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 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 of course would still allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

The following is a list of additional activities organized 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 activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events;
- after school clubs

#### **Residential visits**

If the school organises a residential visit, we do make a charge to contribute to the costs. The school will make applications for grants where possible to support low income families. Any parent who wishes to send their child but would have difficulty paying should speak to the Headteacher about the support that can be offered.

#### **Additional Music tuition and After School Clubs**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. All children in Years 1 to 6 receive a regular instrument lesson and no charge is made for this. However, some parents may pay for additional music lessons after school for which there is a charge. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

We run a number of before and after school activity clubs which there is a charge for. For current clubs and prices please contact the school office.

**Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 2 and on a rota basis for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. 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. Parents can make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this but this is optional.

**Breakfast Club and After School Club**

The school has both a Breakfast Club before school and an After School Club at the end of the day. There is a charge for both of these clubs.

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Signed (Headteacher):

Signed (Chair of Governors):