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PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

*H*ear of the community

*A*cepting everyone

*L*ove of God and neighbour

*E*xcellence for all

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POLICY FOR CHARGING

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 voluntary contributions for swimming.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visitors, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip or an event. If the event goes ahead, it will 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. 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 and pantomimes.

Residential visits and other school activities

On occasions, School may organise a residential visit in school time for pupils in Key Stage 2. The purpose of the visit is to provide curriculum enrichment. The following support payments provide the statutory entitlement to the remission of charges for board and lodgings on residential visits. These benefits bring remission arrangements in to line with eligibility for free school lunches.

- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- Child Tax Credit, where the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit (as assessed by the Inland Revenue)

These benefits are currently under review- any new benefit which replaces those above may provide entitlement to remission of charges.

Music tuition

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

We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Parents may choose to pay for private musical tuition which takes place during school time.

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 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. We ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £1 per session as a contribution towards the cost of the hire of the pool and transport to and from the swimming baths

Damage to property

School reserves the right to ask parents to contribute to the cost of repairs or of replacing defaced, damaged or lost property where this is a result of a pupil's inappropriate behaviour.

Education outside school hours

Any activity which takes place wholly or mainly outside school hours which is defined as an optional extra may be charged for, for example Dance, Sports club, Drama.

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