



## **CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY**

### **1.0 Introduction**

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

### **2.0 Special Considerations**

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the 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. 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. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to or by a theatre company;
- School trips;
- Musical events;
- Study Support Activities;
- Educational visits.

### **3.0 Residential visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we may make a charge for the education or travel expenses or to cover the costs of boarding and lodging. However, wherever possible the school will endeavour to fully-fund the residential.

### **4.0 Music tuition**

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

## **5.0 Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for some children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore 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.

The school offers additional sports coaching after school. Some after school sports activities are run by qualified coaches who are not members of the school staff. There may be a charge for these sessions.

## **6.0 Monitoring and review**

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed annually, or earlier if necessary.

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