

## 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 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.

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.

If a parent has more than one child in the school attending a trip, the second and subsequent child(ren) can attend the trip or activity for half price. We receive a Pupil Premium which may be used to help with the cost of some trips for our Pupil Premium children.

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, farms, discovery parks;
- visits to the theatre or visits to school from theatre groups;
- musical events;
- creative arts days.

### Extended Services

We offer a wide range of after school clubs, some of these are delivered by teaching staff, some by teaching assistants and some by outside agencies.

Most clubs need to be costed in order to pay the relevant staff or to provide resources for the club.

All pupils are able to attend these clubs as long as relevant fees are paid. We strive to ensure that we provide quality experiences for the children with suitable, qualified staff and we research providers in order to ensure competitive prices for our parents. The Pupil Premium funding may be used to support our Pupil Premium children and the costs for their clubs including clubs or activities provided by agencies across the County.

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