



Charging and Remissions Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 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 swimming and individual or group music tuition – see Pupil Premium paragraph 6. below.

2 Voluntary Contributions

2.1 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 but are fully aware of the impact of the cost of living crisis. 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 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;
- Swimming;
- links with secondary schools;
- school trips;
- musical events.

3 Residential Visits

3.1 The school requires parents to pay for residential visits such as PGL. These residential trips are not part of the national curriculum, and the school partially subsidises a proportion of the charge for each child who attends from the school budget.

4 Music Tuition

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

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. These lessons are chargeable and the parents are either invoiced directly each term by the peripatetic music teacher or from school. Music lessons are offered free to pupil premium pupils over a period of approximately 6-8 weeks.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children from years 3-6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of tuition and transport.

6 Pupil Premium Funding

- 6.1** Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding receive support towards music tuition, swimming and trips. All trips are fully funded for those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. One type of music lesson (for example: violin or singing) is fully funded but not both. Swimming is also fully funded.