



Charging and Remissions Policy

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1 INTRODUCTION

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

2 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school 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, a visit may be cancelled and/or future plans for similar visits will be re-evaluated. If a visit does take place, 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 visit or event (either entirely or substantially within the normal school day) 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' voluntary contributions to their own child's experiences are never inflated to subsidise the experience of other children. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

3 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 make a charge to cover the costs of transport, board and lodging. Charges may be remitted for parents who are in receipt of certain state benefits.

4 MUSIC TUITION

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition that goes over and above the requirements of the National Curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Charges may be remitted for parents who are in receipt of certain state benefits. We give parents information about additional



music tuition at the start of each academic year (and at other points during the year when places in the timetable become available).

5 SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for children at various times throughout the year. These lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity but ask for a voluntary contribution towards transport costs. We inform parents when lessons are to take place.

6 SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of school meals is set by the school and payment is required in advance – the school is not in a position to extend credit facilities.

As well as the Universal Free School Meal entitlement for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, Free School Meals are available to children whose parents are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Application forms for free school meals are available from the school office.