

Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the EYFS or National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and 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 and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums or agreed educational trips , for example London Zoo;
 - visits by a theatre company or visiting musicians or speakers

4 Music tuition

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

5 External Curriculum Provision.

- 6.1 The school offers additional football, dance, tennis coaching before or after school. Qualified instructors or coaches offer this provision and parents wishing to avail of these extra curricular activities, who are not members of the school staff, will need to pay a small charge for these sessions. Parents wishing to avail of the 'Early Risers' Club, are also expected to contribute towards the costs of the food, at a minimal level. The school will fund these classes where it considers appropriate and on an individual assessment basis.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.