



# CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Charging Policy

### **Introduction**

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 individual or group music tuition.

### **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.

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
- Activities which require transport expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- Musical events

### **Residential Visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and transport. Parents can apply for help towards costs.

### **Music Tuition**

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 if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of free school meals are exempt from payment.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do not ask for contributions towards this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

### **Study Support Activities**

The school offers additional study support activities free of charge (dance, knitting, football, computer, eco) after school or during lunchtimes. We may organise qualified coaches and volunteers to lead these sessions.

### **Lettings**

The LA has provided a clear range of charges to be used for lettings which cover all caretaker, heating/lighting and wear and tear costs.

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