



## 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.

### **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 travel and accommodation.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for children in years five and six. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of travel and coaching for these activities. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

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