



Where every child **really** matters!

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Charging Policy

1 Introduction

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

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 We have arranged three non uniform days and three coffee afternoons to raise funds for our school fund. These funds are used to cover the cost of purchasing gifts for children on various occasions. All contributions are voluntary. School trips only go ahead if we receive sufficient voluntary contributions however we may cancel a trip if we fail to raise funds. 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.

2.4 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- residential school trips
- musical events.

2.5 Commission from school photos or any other external donations are used to purchase hospitalities for stakeholders.

2.6 Parents are to be charged £3 if their child loses the exercise books provided free of charge initially by the school.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1** 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 or travel expenses. However, we may require a donation to cover the costs of board and lodging.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach small and large group lessons.
- 4.2** We have organised additional music lessons for those children whose parents have expressed an interest in taking additional lessons within school time. These lessons are delivered by the music service to a small group of children and they are charged at £3.08 per lesson. These charges are to cover the cost to the school there is no profit made on these lessons.

5 Swimming

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. 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.

6 School minibus

- 6.1** We do not normally charge children if they are transported by car or minibus to an extra-curricular activity. However, where this is the case we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

7 Before and after school clubs

7.1 Breakfast Club

We ask parents for £10 per half term to cover costs of breakfast provided. To help families in difficult circumstances or to improve persistent attendance issues we have the option to offer this facility free of charge.

8 Extra-curricular Activities.

The school has organised a range of extra-curricular activities which are offered to parents at following rates.

Day	Type of activity	Charge	Type of activity	Charge	Type of activity	Charge
Monday	Art and craft Y2 to Y6	£1 per session	Multi skills Year 1 only	£1 per session	None	None
Tuesday	Film Club Y2 to Y6	£2 per session	Cookery Y2 to Y6	£1 per session	Street Dance	£2 per session
Wednesday	Recorder Club Y2 to Y6	£1 per session	Multi skills Y1	£1 per session	None	None
Thursday	Film Club Y2 to Y6	£2 per session	Gardening and Eco club Y2 to Y6	£1 per session	Football	£1 per session
Friday	Karate Y3 to Y6	£3 per session	None	None	None	None

9 Nursery Wrap around care additional sessions

All three years old have a funded entitlement for 15 hours in our nursery. We have the facility to offer parents additional sessions upon request. These sessions are charged at £40 per week plus £5.50 for dinner money.

- 9.1** We also offer parents the opportunity to choose the number of additional sessions they require. This is charged at £8 per session.
- 9.2** This charge for additional hours applies to members of staff whose children attend the Nursery.

Approved at the governors’ meeting held on:

Signed:

Date: