



Charging 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 with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

2 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.

The following is a list of additional activities organized 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;
- musical events.

3 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 or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and visits while at the residential centre. Parents who receive state benefits receive a grant towards the cost.

4 Music tuition

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

5 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 4. 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 Clubs

Various club sessions take place after school and are generally charged at £10.00 per term. Some clubs are charged at a higher rate due to resources that may be required. Should a child be collected late there is a charge of £10.00 per child for each time they are collected late after club sessions. This may also apply for unannounced late collections after a normal school day.

Clubs that are arranged with outside providers (drama, ballet etc) will be charged on the basis of the cost to the school of providing the specialist coach/ tutor. These will normally be charged from £40 term, but may vary according to costs. Parents/ carers will be informed of all charges in advance.

Breakfast club operates with no charge for admission or breakfast, to enable the club to continue we do ask for a voluntary donation from parents who are able to pay.

Wraparound runs from 3.15-6pm and is charged at £15 per session. If parents wish to use this after another club e.g. dance, the cost is reduced to £10 for the remainder of the session.

7 Room Hire

The school has a number of spaces available for private hire out of school hours, during weekends and during school holidays. These include:

- The school hall
- The music room/ studio
- The school nursery outdoor area
- The school football pitch

Hire for all areas is charged at a standard rate of £50/ hour. Rates for longer sessions and/or extended periods of use can be negotiated separately.

As part of its commitment to the creative arts, the school will offer, from the time to time, concessional rates to small creative arts organisations for use of the main hall or music/room studio. These are arranged on an individual basis and charging will be calculated according to the school's assessment of the individual applicants.

As part of its commitment to community development, the school may, from time to time, offer any of its spaces free of charge to community groups or charities working to improve the local area. This will be arranged on a case-by-case basis.

The school reserves the right to change rental agreements as it sees fit. Any changes to charges will be notified at least one month in advance.