

# Charging Policy

## 1 Introduction

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

## 2 Voluntary contributions

School trips or visits are arranged to enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children; these first hand experiences help children learn about the world in which they live. All educational visits are subsidized by school fund however, we do require a contribution from parents in order to provide these excellent experiences for our children. 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 organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents.

This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to places of interest;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- visitors to school.

## 3 Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, we do not make a charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.

## 4 Swimming

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.

## 5 After school sports clubs

The school offers additional sports coaching after school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions and makes a small charge for pupils who wish to participate.

## 6 Materials and textbooks

All materials and text books are provided free of charge for lessons that occur in school. However for some after school clubs, e.g. cookery, a small charge may be made.

**7      Damage/Loss of property**

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books and materials), the charge will be the cost of replacement or repair, as deemed appropriate by the Head teacher.

**8      Milk**

School milk can be purchased at a cost of 90p per week for pupils over the age of 5, (milk is free for pupils up to the age of 5). This should be paid for in advance on a termly basis.

**Signed:**

**Date:**