

Charging Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1. All education during school hours is free.
- 1.2. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of some individual or group tuition.
- 1.3. For some activities, however, we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers.

2. Voluntary Contributions

- 2.1. When organising school trips, visits or visitors, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity.
- 2.2. All contributions are voluntary.
- 2.3. We suggest by letter a figure for parents to contribute which is generally approximately 50% of the true cost. The balance is met from school allocated funding.
- 2.4. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions we may need to cancel an activity.
- 2.5. If an activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- 2.6. If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school visit or an event, but is unwilling or unable to make a contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the activity.
- 2.7. We never ask for extra contributions from parents in order to cover the costs of those who do not pay.
- 2.8. Parents have a right to know how each trip or other activity is funded. The school provides this information on request.

3. Residential Visits

- 3.1. Residential visits are run in Y2 - Y6. School subsidises all residentials (by over 50% of most) in order to ensure as many children as possible can access the experiences.
- 3.2. As residential visits are extra curricular we do need to insist on full payment being received prior to the experience.
- 3.3. We offer and encourage payment plans for all parents to help spread the costs of residential experiences.
- 3.4. We make every effort to keep this to a minimum and give clear indications by letter, information packs and meetings to give parents plenty of notice to pay.

4. After School and Holiday Activities

- 4.1. After school and holiday activities are significantly subsidised by school to enable all children to access the provision.
- 4.2. As these are optional activities, places are taken away from families where there is consistent non-payment.

5. Reviewing this Policy

- 5.1. This Policy was discussed and agreed by Governors at Finance and General Purposes