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Charging Policy

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1 INTRODUCTION

We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of swimming (see below). All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils.

2 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

2.1 When organising school trips and visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. However, 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.

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. In these cases the school pays the additional costs, budget permitting, in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

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

- visits to places of educational interest e.g. museums
- sporting activities
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre company
- musical events
- World Awareness Week activities

3 RESIDENTIAL VISITS DURING SCHOOL TIME

The school will invite voluntary contributions from parents to meet costs other than children's board and lodgings. Parents will be charged for the full cost of board and lodgings. Parents in receipt of state benefit may make application to the Headteacher to have charges reduced/waived.

4 SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 2 and Rookie Lifeguarding for children in Year 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. This is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and we request a contribution from parents to cover the cost of the activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the parents' written permission for their children to take part.

5 EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The school offers a variety of clubs and extra curricular activities, at lunch-time and after school. We make a small charge for these sessions, currently £1 per term (3 times a year) (to increase to £1.50 in September 17) to go towards administration and running costs. Independent agencies also run some extra-curricular clubs and these are funded entirely by parents, e.g. judo, tag rugby and music tuition.

6 MONITORING AND REVIEW

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every three years or earlier if necessary.