

Charging Policy

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Introduction

Education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any class activities undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. Children can sign up for extra-curricular music lessons which are charged for and may take place during the school day.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visiting speakers/artists, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may be forced to 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 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;
- School trips abroad;
- Musical events.

Music tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. Encore Music Service charges for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.



Breakfast Club and Twilight Club

The school offers wrap around care with our own Breakfast Club and Twilight Club. These are chargeable clubs; the school does not make profit from these clubs. Any surplus money is used to purchase food or new equipment for the children using the facility. Children in receipt of free school meals are offered free spaces at Breakfast Club.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The school runs a number of After School activities. Our clubs provision aims to offer a variety of activities for each age group each night, giving our pupils the opportunity to try something new. We ask for a voluntary contribution for clubs to cover the cost of resources and support staff (not teachers). But we do not want any child to be excluded from clubs, no questions are asked if parents chose not to make the voluntary contribution.

Extra-curricular activities run by external providers or professional coaches are charged for. The school makes no profit from this. The charge to parents covers costs incurred by the leader of each session.

