

# Charging and Remissions Policy

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#### 1 Introduction

1.1 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

- 2.1 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.
- 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. 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.
- 2.3 Lost/Damaged books. If a school owned book is lost or damaged beyond repair, parents are asked for a donation of £3.00 towards a replacement.
- 2.4 D.T./Science/Art. These curriculum areas often require the pupils to make an item. Parents can be requested to pay a small contribution if they wish to purchase the item to cover the consumable materials.

- 2.5 A weekly contribution is requested by Nursery to provide break time snacks and cooking ingredients.

  Any monies left is, with parents agreement, used to purchase equipment for the Nursery.
- 2.6 A termly contribution is requested by the Reception classes to provide cooking ingredients.
- 2.7 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 museums
  - sporting activities that require transport expenses
  - outdoor adventure activities
  - visits to the theatre
  - musical events
  - visits into school by theatre groups, artists, authors etc.

## 3. Charges

#### 3.1 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 in Key Stage 2 (Juniors). We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. See appendix 1 for Charges. There is no concession for additional music tuition.

#### 3.2 Residential Visits

Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit Parents are responsible for the payment of charges for board and lodging costs for residential visits. See Appendix 1 for charges. Children whose parents are eligible for free school meals are required to make a £50 contribution.

#### 3.3 After school activities

Periodically additional coaching in sporting activities will be arranged after school. These sessions are organised and run by professional coaches who are not members of the school staff. Charges for these sessions are undertaken by the organisation involved. <u>Pupil Premium funding may be used to fund places for Vulnerable Pupils (FSM, Ever 6, LAC)</u>

#### 3.4 Passports

We ask for a donation of £5 to school fund.

- 3.5 Lettings (See policy)
- 3.6 Adult Meals (See policy)
- 3.7 Telephone calls and photocopying (see policy)
- 3.8 Breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused wilfully or negligently by pupils. Charges for such will reflect the age and replacement cost of the item(s).
- 3.9 Damage or loss of any Schools Library Service books. Charges will reflect the charge to school by the Schools Library Service or the replacement cost of the book, whichever is the lower amount.

## Charges

## **Tuition Fees (School Charging Policy)**

Peripatetic Music lessons are charged at £30.00 per term (from September 2017)

There are no concessions for additional music lessons and therefore payment is required by all parents.

#### **Residential Visits**

Y6 Residential Visit May 2018 - £169.50 per pupil will be charged for board and lodgings.

Children whose parents are eligible for free school meals are required to make a £50 contribution.