



# CHARGING POLICY

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## Introduction

All education during school hours is free with the exception of individual or group music tuition (see below). We do not charge for any activity undertaken during school hours as part of the National Curriculum.

### **1. School trips/visits and activities during school time – voluntary contributions**

When organising school activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not made, a proposed event may be cancelled unless school is able to cover the shortfall. Where a child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, then it will be at the discretion of the Principal to utilise this to maintain participation of a child. If the event does proceed, each child would be allowed to participate fully without discrimination, irrespective of contribution circumstances.

Parents/Carers have a right to know how each individual trip is funded. The School provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities sometimes organised by the School which may require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums, zoos, art galleries
- Sporting activities – sometimes involving transport expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- School trips abroad
- Musical events

Parents/Carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/activities and School will provide details of how each individual voluntary contribution amount has been determined. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant. All trips will need to be booked and paid for

## **2. Residential visits - Charges**

Currently the Academy runs a residential trip to Kingswood Staffordshire. Parents/Carers will be given advanced notice of proposed residential visit opportunities together with an early indication of charges and voluntary contribution requests and staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

## **3. Music tuition**

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

## **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 or for associated transport costs. We inform parents/carers when these lessons are to take place and we ask parents/carers for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

## **5. Out of school clubs and activities**

The School offers a range of out of school clubs which are offered free of charge but we reserve the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision where those activities are not directly aimed at providing educational benefit to pupils.

## **6. Childcare**

Parents/carers will be responsible for meeting full costs for childcare provided by School. The School will aim to promote financially self-sustainable childcare with full regard to existing provision within the locality.

## **7. Transport to extra-curricular activities**

Parents/carers may be charged to cover the transport expenses associated with the trip of an extra-curricular activity. Charges for transport will be strictly based on covering actual costs (as defined in legislation) with no profit element. The Sports Premium is a government fund that can be used to pay for transport to sporting extra curricular activities.

## **8. Loss of/damage to school property**

Parents/carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's misbehaviour.

### **Related Documents & Policies**

- Pupil Premium Strategy 2021-23
- Sports Premium Strategy 2021/22
- Health & Safety Policy
- Educational Visits Policy