



# Charging & Remissions Policy

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## **Introduction**

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.

## **Voluntary contributions**

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.

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 who do not pay or only partly pay for a trip/visit is kept confidential between the School and parent.

We will advertise any educational visits within good time to enable regular part payments to occur.

We will advertise that some parents may wish to pay more or 'round-up' their payment to go towards supporting those children from families who face financial difficulty. This will remain anonymous. Any funds received that are surplus to the requirements of the trip will be added towards other trips so all children can continue to benefit.

The following is a list of possible additional activities that may be 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 which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

## **Residential Visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we will charge travel expenses and the cost of board and lodging. Parents who receive Income Support are exempt from payment.

## **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. They make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of Income Support are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **Swimming**

Swimming does not form part of the EY / KS1 National Curriculum.