

## CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

### Introduction:

1. All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. However, we do sometimes as for voluntary contributions towards the cost of transport.

### 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 parents wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is willing or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we 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 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.
  - Outdoor adventure activities
  - Visits to the theatre
  - School trips

### **3. Residential Visits:**

3.1 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 do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to speak in confidence to the Headteacher.

### **4. Music Tuition**

4.1 Children in Years 4,5,6 study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is no charge for individual or group music tuition. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The school covers the cost of this.

### **5. Swimming:**

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do not ask for a contribution towards the transport for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place. The PE Lead is on hand to answer any questions or concerns.