Charging Policy

1 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.

2 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 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 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.

Pupil Premium Grant (Money from the government to narrow the gaps for disadvantaged pupils - currently £1320 per pupil.) This is used to subsidise much of our curriculum enrichment in order to close the gaps for vulnerable pupils. This supports children’s right to their cultural capital as outlined by OFSTED as, ‘the extent to which schools are equipping pupils with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.’ In turn, this is outlined in the National Curriculum as, ‘the essential knowledge that pupils need to be
educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.’

3  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 do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, additional travel expenses and any evening or extra curriculum activities while on the visit.

4  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. We make a small termly charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5  Extended School Provision for Sports
The school offers additional sports coaching after school. A qualified P.E. teacher employed by school and members of the support staff, run and organise these sessions. There are no charges for these sessions.

6  Imagineering
The school offers an Imagineering club after school for KS2 pupils. This is run by an engineer who is not a member of school staff, but they are always supported by a member of school staff. We make a small charge for these sessions to contribute to the resourcing of the club.

7  Hire of Coaches/ Minibus
We do not charge children if they are transported in a minibus to an extra-curricular or sporting activity.

8  Breakfast Club
We charge £2 per day for every child attending the Breakfast Club £10 per week. Payment in advance to secure place. The children are served a variety of healthy options and provided with a range of fun activities to start their day.

9  Remissions
In cases of real hardship a full remission may be given. This would be at the discretion of the Headteacher after consultation with staff.