



To believe, to achieve, to succeed – together

Finance and Personnel Committee Charging & Remissions Policy

Our Mission Statement is:

'To enjoy school, achieve our best and lay the foundations for life long independent learning.'

We do this by:

- Having high expectations of academic achievement and behaviour by continually challenging monitoring and raising standards in order to evaluate the needs of individual pupils
- By continually enhancing our unique site so that we provide a healthy and safe environment which is happy, purposeful, encouraging yet stimulating and creatively structured
- Nurturing every one's emotional and spiritual development through Christian values and the positive caring ethos of the school
- Ensuring we develop self-respect and an appreciation of the needs and views of others
- Providing a broad and balanced imaginative curriculum that promotes individual learning styles and develops reflective learners, independent and collaborative thinkers and decision makers
- Seeing all children as individuals, valuing their different strengths and achievements and equipping them to be successful in the modern world
- Developing and maintaining strong links and a shared vision with our families and local church and community networks
- Nurturing a positive relationship between home and school that ensures a strong learning partnership alongside mutual respect

- Ensuring fairness and equality of opportunity for all in our inclusive learning environment so that all children have a positive experience of school life and their individual needs are met

1 Voluntary contributions

1.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip at the Headteacher's discretion.

1.2 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 at the Headteacher's discretion. The school may pay 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.

1.3 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:

visits to museums;
transport expenses;
sporting activities;
outdoor adventure activities;
visits to or by a theatre company;
school trips abroad;
musical events

1.4 Calculating charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who cannot or will not. Support for cases of hardship will come through voluntary contributions and fundraising. Parents who would qualify for support are those who are in receipt of eligible benefits. (See below)

The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

2 Residential visits

2.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education expenses.

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However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and optional extras.

3 Music tuition

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

3.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition before the start of each academic year.

4 Swimming

4.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children from years 2 to year 6 plus any KS2 non-swimmers and those who have not achieved the required standard. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place. There is a nominal charge for year 5 pupils whose parents wish them to continue swimming lessons for a further year.

5 Monitoring and review

5.1.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

6 Eligible benefits

Income Support;

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or

Child Tax Credit (providing that they do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by The Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £14,155).

Guarantee element of State pension Credit