

## **CHARGING POLICY**

### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

### **2.0 Voluntary contributions**

2.1 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. 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 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.

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:

- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips;
- musical events;
- Study Support Activities;
- Educational visits;

### **3.0 Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club runs from 8am until 8.45am each school morning. There is a daily charge per child – if a week is paid for on a Monday the cost is reduced.

The School offers a maximum of 10 free Breakfast Club places per half Term. The Care Team decides which children/families will be offered this and will review the free places half termly. The free place/s will be for 2 School Terms.

Criteria looked at before offering a free Breakfast Club place:

Attendance  
Punctuality  
Short term family crisis  
CP/CIN

#### **4.0 Fund Raising**

This school will only support charities registered under the UK Charities Commission.

#### **5.0 Residential visits**

- 5.1 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 make a charge for the education or travel expenses. A charge is also made to cover the costs of boarding and lodging.

#### **6.0 Music tuition**

- 6.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 6.2.1 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. The Tees Valley Music Service charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. Tees Valley Music Service give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

#### **7.0 Swimming**

- 7.1 The school organises swimming lessons for some children in Key Stage 2. 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

#### **8.0 External providers**

8.1.1 The school offers additional sports coaching after school. Some after school sports activities are run by qualified coaches who are not members of the school staff. There may be a charge for after school sessions.

## **9.0 Passports**

9.1 Due to the amount of requests for passport forms to be completed we will now charge a fee of £10.00 per passport form.

## **10.0 Monitoring and review**

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

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