



Charging and Remissions

January 2016

Our Values

- We value every child's individuality
- We value the development of the whole child-academically, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.
- We value a broad and rich experience, alongside academic success.
- We value a happy, caring, sustainable, and safe environment.
- We value the contribution we make to, and receive from, parents and the wider community.
- We value the development of all staff to achieve their full potential.
- We value dynamic leadership and management.

1 Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. 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 Voluntary contributions

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.

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, and 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 or by a theatre company;
- musical events;
- Residential visits.

3 Residential visits

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 calculate a charge to cover all costs associated with the trip. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways. Contributions are voluntary and no individual child will be excluded due to the inability to pay.

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 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, but parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children during their time at Wanborough. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the parents' written permission for their children to take part.

6 Externally led clubs (i.e. football, drama, zumba)

Various after school clubs are offered by external providers which take place on the school premises. The provider makes a charge for these sessions with all payments going direct to them.

7 School staff led clubs

The school offers a variety of after school clubs. We make a small charge for these sessions to cover resources. These charges do not apply to those children receiving free school meals.

8 Confidentiality

In all events we will try our utmost to assist families experiencing difficulty in meeting the contributions requested for these trips/events. Requests for help with payments should be addressed to the Headteacher or Assistant Head and will be handled in a confidential manner. Requests made to the PTA for financial support are made without disclosure of who the money is for. In the event that sufficient funds are not raised it may be necessary to reduce the number of students on visits with alternative arrangements being made within school for children not participating.

9 Monitoring and review

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

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Next Review: January 2018