



Charging and Remissions Policy

- Under the Education Reform Act, no charge may be made for activities which occur within the school hours (or when half or more of the time spent on the activity occurs during school hours).
- The way in which the school has funded a wide range of activities considered valuable to pupil's education has been to ask for voluntary parental contributions. These activities could include: trips to museums, theatres or other places of interest, visitors or workshops in school, swimming lessons etc.
- No pupil will be disadvantaged if their parents have not made a contribution for a particular activity, but this does mean that unless the majority are willing to contribute the activity cannot take place.
- 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 and lodging and ask for a voluntary contribution towards travel expenses. Parents who receive certain state benefits may qualify for extra help.
- The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to contribute to the cost of breakage, loss or damage to books, equipment etc. other than normal wear and tear.
- If parents wish to own the end product of a practical activity, such as cookery or craft, etc. they may be asked to provide or pay for the ingredients or materials. No pupil will be disadvantaged if a parent does not contribute in this way.
- Parents will be asked to pay the cost of tuition in a musical instrument from Good Vibes Music Academy which is additional to the music curriculum provision. Pupil Premium funding will be used, where relevant, to make sure this is accessible to pupils eligible for Pupil Premium.
- The school offers additional coaching after school. Qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. Charges are made by the organisation involved.
- Parents who have any questions about charging for school activities are asked to contact the Headteacher.

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