



Opening minds, learning through challenge and celebrating God's world

POLICY FOR CHARGING AND REMISSIONS

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School Christian Values

Generosity, compassion, courage, forgiveness, friendship, respect, Thankfulness, trust, perseverance, justice, service and truthfulness.

Bible Reference

Luke 10: 27 'Love your neighbour as yourself'

Policy References

This policy is written with reference to the following school policies:

- Learning and Teaching Policy,
- Marking Policy,
- Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy,
- Single Equalities Policy.
- Competence and Capability Policy
- Disciplinary, Dismissal and Grievance Procedure

Most of these policies are available on the school website. In addition, copies of the following policies are available, on request, from the school office.

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 and the Year 6 Residential Visit. Pupil Premium money is used to cover the cost of some or all of this tuition and any residential visits.

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 will provide this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- educational visits
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities and extra curricular sporting activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical and theatre events "in house".

3 Residential visits

The school residential visit to London in Year 6 and the outdoor adventure residential visit in Year 5/6 are optional and charged as per the brochure price. A savings scheme is available to assist parents in spreading the cost. Travel expenses are met by the school. Application to the Ripley Trust for assistance in meeting the full cost is available to parents in difficult circumstances.

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. There is a charge for these lessons. 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 in years 3, 4 and 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6 Extra Curricular

The school offers extra-curricular activities in some practical subjects eg art, design technology, food technology. Where it is requested that the finished article is to be kept and taken home school may charge the cost of materials only. Transport for sporting events may also be charged.

Clubs are offered throughout the year to pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2. For all after school clubs there is a charge of £5.00 per half term per child to cover the cost of resources including snack and a drink for each child.

7 School Resources

Where school resources/property is wilfully damaged/lost/stolen parents will be informed and requested to make a voluntary contribution to cover repair/replacement costs.