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Policy Name

Charging for School Activities

Date of Review

Autumn Term 2024

Next Review Date

Autumn Term 2026

Agreed by Governors

Autumn 2024

Date

November 2024

Policy:	Charging for School Activities
People authorised to make changes to this policy:	• Mrs. R Fitter
Committee responsible for approving policy:	Resources

Questions for the reviewer of this policy:	
Does this policy comply with statutory requirements and is relevant legislation and guidance referenced in the policy?	Yes
Does the policy reflect current evidence-based good practice?	Yes
Is the policy consistent with the vision and ethos of the school?	Yes
Does the policy reflect current practice in the school?	Yes

After policy review:	
Changes made:	
Expected impact of updated policy:	Fair charging policy
Updated policy sent to governors:	Autumn Term 2024
Updated policy sent to staff:	Autumn Term 2024
Updated policy put on website:	N/A

Introduction

All of 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.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the pupils, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip.

Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

The costs of school trips are shared with parents at the earliest opportunity to provide up to 6 months for voluntary contributions to be made in advance.

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

- off-site visits;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- visitors into school;
- events in school;
- specialist music tuition.

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 do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, which does not exceed the actual cost. Where parents and carers receive state benefits, we work together with families to support their child to attend. 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 taught in a different way.

Music tuition

All pupils study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this and ask for a contribution to cover the cost of specialist tuition and musical instrument hire for Year 5 pupils, who learn to play a tuned instrument in school.

There is a charge for individual or small-group optional extra music tuition, eg; Solihull Music Service or Rocksteady, 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 and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for our pupils in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and all pupils are expected to participate.

Monitoring and review

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