



CHARGING POLICY

The Governors support the ideals of free education for all.

However, throughout the year there are day visits organised for classes in conjunction with topic work or visits to the school by theatres, workshops, etc., which parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of these visits.

The costs of such visits will be kept at a reasonable level and no child will ever be excluded from an activity due to non-payment. Nevertheless, if it is found that insufficient funds are available the trip will be cancelled.

If parents experience difficulty in meeting the costs of visits, particularly if they receive Income Support, requests for assistance will be favourably considered if there is a sum of money available within the School Budget.

At the moment the current practice is:

Swimming

A charge is made to cover the cost of the transport. Tuition and hire of the pool is provided for all children within the School Budget.

School Day Trips

The total cost of the trip (transport, entry fees, etc.), including supervisory adults, is divided by the anticipated number of children taking part. Parents are asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost. Cost is rounded down to the nearest 50p. Where a parent is just accompanying the trip they would be expected to pay their own entry fee and a contribution towards transport.

Residential Visits

A voluntary contribution is requested to cover the total cost of board and lodging, travel, food, and entrance fees. A savings scheme operates so that parents can spread the cost of trips over a longer period of time.

Insurance

The school takes out Annual Insurance for school trips which is paid for directly from the School Budget.

For the following activities parents are asked to pay the costs in full.

- Instrumental music lessons.
- Activities or clubs provided by private instructors or organisations which would take place out of school hours.

There will be no charge for materials used in activities which are part of the National Curriculum.

Parents will be asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children.