

Burton on the Wolds

Charging Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1** 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, swimming, and off-site residential visits.
- 1.2** The school believes in offering a rich and full educational experience to our children will seek to offer additional off-site opportunities and activities to enhance the curriculum where it is possible to do so. While our ambition for our children is limitless, the school's budget is not, and the viability of such proposed activities will, at times, be dependent on the extent to which parents are content to support them through specific voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions requested from parents will be calculated with a view to effectively recovering activity costs.
- 1.3** The school wishes for all our children to be able to participate fully in the breadth of activities and opportunities offered by the school. We encourage any parent whose financial or family circumstances could prevent or pose difficulties in respect of this to approach the school to discuss what support could potentially be offered. In particular, thanks to the additional funding that is provided by the government, parents of children for whom the school is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding may be eligible, at the school's discretion, for specific assistance. The school encourages all parents to make the school aware if they believe that their child may, at any time, qualify for additional Pupil Premium funding (such as as a consequence of lower family income), even where this may be a temporary position.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1** When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school will invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary, though 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.
- 2.2** 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 will still seek for the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school or FOBS pays additional costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.
- 2.3** The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, for which we will invite 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 the theatre;
 - musical events
 - some cookery, craft, and design and technology activities where materials costs would otherwise be prohibitive

3 Residential visits

- 3.1** 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 charge for the education, travel expenses and board and lodging. Parents of children in receipt of Pupil Premium are exempt from any expectation of payment.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

- 4.2** 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. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents of children in receipt of Pupil Premium are exempt from any expectation of payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all children from Year 3 upwards. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. However, we ask parents to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of this activity. Parents of children in receipt of Pupil Premium are exempt from any expectation of payment.

Signed: Andrew Tennant (Chair of Finance Committee)

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