



# Charging and Remissions

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Signed Headteacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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We believe that all our pupils should have equal opportunity to benefit from all school activities regardless of their parents' financial means. Our charging and remissions policy sets out how we will do our best to ensure this. This policy is in accordance with section 457 of the Education Act, 1996.

Education provided wholly or mainly during school hours is deemed free for all pupils during school hours. The school may not impose a charge for any activities that occur during school hours, however we may ask for voluntary contributions in order for particular enrichment activities to take place.

Voluntary contributions are not compulsory. Pupils of families who cannot make a contribution will not be discriminated against.

Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible and there is no way to make up the shortfall, the activity will be cancelled.

### **School trips**

The majority of the cost of school trips during school hours will be met by the school. Parents/carers may be asked for voluntary contributions towards any school trip that incurs a cost.

### **School journey**

The annual school journey for Year 6 is subsidised by the school. However, parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of board and lodging. Families that are finding payment difficult will be offered a longer period for payment and may seek remission from the Headteacher.

### **Music Tuition**

A charge will not be made for class music tuition during school hours that is part of the curriculum.

### **Damage/loss to property**

Charges will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including premises, equipment, books or materials) belonging to the school or third party, where the cost has been recharged to the school. The charge will be the cost of the replacement, repair or a lower cost subject to the Headteacher's discretion.

### **School equipment**

Charges will be made to pupils for the purchase of consumables needed to partake in some activities i.e. swimming caps, gum shields. The goods will be subsidised by the school.

## **School Meals**

School Meals will be charged at the rate set by the local authority for pupils. Adults will be charged at the rate set by the local authority plus VAT and a small administration charge.

## **Breakfast Club**

This year, the school has begun charging £1 for breakfast club to help meet the high costs of childcare which are necessary to run the club. (However, those on our pupil premium register will not be charged.) At present the cost of the breakfast club food is met mostly by Gregg's Bakers and the additional childcare costs are met by the school. The costs will be reviewed each academic year and altered to reflect funding arrangements.

## **Remissions**

In order to remove financial barriers for disadvantaged pupils the school has agreed to offer reduced rates to parents in particular circumstances, this will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.