



CHARGING POLICY

Types of Parental Financial Support

There are two different kinds of parental financial contributions for school activities:

1. a **charge** to cover the cost of tuition and/or resources for optional activities additional to the curriculum e.g. specialised music tuition, extra curricular activities and
2. a **voluntary contribution** towards the cost of an activity that is held during the school day which is part of the curriculum e.g. school trips, cookery and special events.

General Policy Statement

The School reserves the right to charge in any circumstances permissible under the Education Reform Act 1988.

Whenever charges are made, these will be in accordance with the current guidelines of the Hampshire Education Authority and will also follow the guidelines of that Authority in certain defined situations of financial difficulty. No child will be prevented from taking part in a visit because of the inability to pay. Any parents who experience difficulties in providing the cost of a visit should contact the Headteacher to discuss the situation in the strictest confidence and to agree appropriate arrangements.

If, however, a substantial number of parents are unable to make voluntary contributions it may be necessary to cancel the visit.

Optional school trips outside school hours or residential expenses

If a charge is made for each pupil, this will not exceed the actual cost. If further funds need to be raised, for example, to help in hardship cases, these will be drawn from the school budget. The permitted charge will not include any allowances or costs of staff from the school who supervise the activity.

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