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When God's love enters our hearts, we grow in wisdom and understanding

Charging Policy - 2025

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 some individual or small-group music tuition and lunchtime Spanish club.*

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 *When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. Where parents are in a position to, we will encourage that the full cost be covered by the parent, allowing the school to contribute, only where necessary. All contributions are voluntary. However, 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 unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.*

If a trip is cancelled by the school or provider, the school will aim to refund the cost in full, where it is financially viable to do so.

2.3 *The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, for which we request 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 or by a theatre company;*
- *musical events.*

3 Residential visits

3.1 *If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, we do make a charge to cover the costs. We support parents who require financial assistance to ensure that all children have equal access to what is on offer.*

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 small-group music tuition, 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 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 in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity.*

6 After School Clubs

6.1 *The school offers a variety of activities after school, run by qualified teachers and coaches. We make a small charge for these sessions.*

7 Monitoring and review

7.1 *This policy and its implementation is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.*

Signed: …….

Date: ……...