



When do we make charges?

We like to offer a wide range of opportunities to support and enrich the learning of the children, including day visits, residential trips and bought-in enrichment days at school.

The cost of such provision would exceed our budget if we had to meet the costs in full.

There are occasions on which we ask for a voluntary contribution towards activities carried out during curriculum time. This is done on the understanding that no child will be excluded from an activity if a voluntary contribution is not provided, but if insufficient money is collected overall, the activity may have to be cancelled.

For residential visits, the parents/carers are asked to cover the full cost of the experience for their child(ren). The calculation of cost is made by adding all elements of the trip e.g. transport, board and lodging, activity costs etc. and dividing by the number of children participating in the trip. No profit is made. Occasionally, residential trips are subsidised by the school to bring down the cost for everyone. We have a duty to pay the board and lodging element of a school trip for any child that qualifies for Free School Meals (FSM). Pupil Premium funding is also used to pay all or part of the costs of the residential trip for children who qualify for this on any basis. Circumstances of other financial disadvantage are also considered for subsidy. Our willingness to assist with costs when possible is made clear to the parents and carers.

Individual music tuition, extra-curricular clubs and activities may also have a charge. Again, participation may be subsidised with the use of Pupil Premium funding or other school monies if it is felt that this may be particularly beneficial for a child who would be unable to access such activities without financial assistance.