

Introduction

We offer an exciting curriculum rich in first hand experiences. Some of these learning opportunities are expensive! On occasions we may ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost as follows:

School visits out into the locality or visitors into school greatly enrich the curriculum and educational experience of our pupils. Unfortunately, many of these events incur costs, in particular transport costs. Staff strive to use the immediate locality as a source of positive first-hand experiences wherever possible so as to minimise costs. When organising school events, we asks parents to contribute towards the cost. Most events will have already been subsidised by school funds to cover the costs of adult helpers and to top up the amount of contributions received. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a visit or visitor. If a child is absent for the visit after making a contribution, monies will be refunded except for transport costs and theatre tickets, the cost of which will have already been made. Theatres do not make refunds. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid a full contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. We will provide this information on request.

Educational Enhancement Opportunities such as University of Life Experienced coaches, national and international dance/theatre companies and other professionals are invited to lead workshops for all pupils to learn new skills not normally available through a school curriculum eg engineering, beautician, photography. Costs are met from school budget.

Study Support

- a) Our Brainy Breakfast Club is available to all pupils on all school days and is charged at £2.30 per day.
- b) After school activities/clubs are available to all pupils. Some of these are led by staff and are free of charge. Others are led by professional coaches e.g. ProVision Coaching and may incur charges for tuition at each session to be paid for by parents. Whenever possible funding is secured via the schools sports funding
- c) Holiday clubs: These are not held on our premises but are available at some local schools and Churches. These may incur a charge.

Food technology costs Parents may be asked to contribute towards the cost of ingredients. Pupils take home samples of what they have made.

Loss or damage to property or equipment The school environment should be respected and protected. Parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of lost or damage caused to reading books and library books. They may be asked to contribute towards the cost of other school equipment or property repairs if their child has caused this damage.

Inclusion The policy will be applied to all pupils. We welcome our general responsibilities under the Disability Equality Duty by promoting equal opportunities, eliminating discrimination and improving access to learning for disabled people. In order to comply with the requirements of the DDA 2006 and the Equality Act 2010 and we will make reasonable adjustments to ensure all stakeholders understand and can follow this policy. We will actively seek to remove any barriers to learning and participation that may hinder or exclude individuals or groups of pupils.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the Headteacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of the policy on request. It will be reviewed appropriate to new legislation or to the needs of the school.

Signed

Headteacher

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Chair of Governors