



CHARGING POLICY

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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 individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising trips or visits, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, our academies invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions made are on a voluntary basis. 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 and we do not disclose contributions made.

- 2.2 The following is a list of additional activities typically organised by our academies, for which we would request voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the Academy Trust or an individual academy organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we would only charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and transport.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 Children study music as part of the normal curriculum. We do not charge for this.

- 4.2 There is however, a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons to cover the cost of tutors.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 Our academies organise swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6 Study Support Activities

- 6.1** Our academies offer additional study support activities free of charge after school or during lunchtimes. The study support teacher organises qualified coaches and volunteers to lead these sessions.

7 Lettings

- 7.1** A clear range of charges have been set for each academy to be used for lettings purposes which cover all caretaker, heating/lighting and wear and tear costs. Charges are periodically reviewed to ensure overheads are recouped.