



POLICY TITLE	Charging Policy
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	EAB
RATIONALE	All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum
PURPOSES	To ensure learning opportunities are maximized for all children.
GUIDELINES	<p><u>Voluntary Contributions</u></p> <p>When organising academy trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the academy invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. 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.</p> <p>If a parent wishes their child to take part in an academy trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the academy pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The academy provides this information on request.</p> <p>The following is a list of additional activities organized by the academy, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as ‘optional extras’. This list is not exhaustive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visits to museums; • sporting activities which require transport expenses; • outdoor adventure activities; • visits to the theatre; • school trips abroad; • musical events. <p><u>Enterprise Activities</u></p> <p>The academy embraces enterprise working to help prepare children for living in modern Britain. As part of this, children focus on the BIG 13 skills, and are sometimes set targets to fundraise towards their extra-curricular activities.</p> <p><u>Residential visits</u></p> <p>If the academy organises a residential visit in academy time or mainly academy time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses, but welcome any donations towards the cost. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.</p> <p><u>Music tuition</u></p> <p>All children study music as part of the normal academy curriculum. We do not charge for this.</p> <p><u>Swimming</u></p> <p>The academy organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in academy time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.</p> <p><u>Breakfast Club</u></p> <p>The academy offers a free breakfast club.</p> <p><u>Additional Hours for Nursery Children</u></p> <p>Attendance at our nursery is part-time, for 15 hours per week. Whilst traditionally children have attended for five mornings or 5 afternoons we do have a number of ‘flexible’ places which allows parents to take their entitlement hours more creatively (subject to availability). The academy also offers additional provision for children in Nursery (Foundation 1). Parents fill in a request for additional hours if they require them, these are charged at the rate of £3 per hour.</p>

