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Charging & Remissions Policy

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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. With regard to charging, we follow the guidance set out on the DfE Charging for School Activities document dated May 2018

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school 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 – this is made clear in visit letters from the onset. 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 unwilling or 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.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require 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 the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 Currently Washingwell Primary School organises residential visits of various durations for pupils in Key Stage 2. Pupils are asked to pay for board and lodgings and travel expenses. Pupils who can currently access Pupil Premium funding will be supported in the cost of this. This situation will be reviewed annually.

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 group music. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. 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 children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Sport

6.1 The school offers additional sport coaching after school. We may make a charge for

these sessions.

7 Transport

7.1 Schools cannot charge for transport provided in connection with an educational visit, however we may request voluntary contributions.

Link to Government Guidance 'Charging for School Activities – May 2018
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/ 706830/Charging_for_school_activities.pdf