

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.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising a school trip which enriches the curriculum and educational experience of the children, parents will be asked to contribute towards the cost, if they wish their child to take part. If we do not receive sufficient 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 any differently from any others.

The following is a list of possible additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- visits to the theatre
- musical events
- curriculum enrichment

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group instrumental tuition which is not part of the National Curriculum. Lessons are delivered by peripatetic teachers employed by the Rochdale Music Service not the school. Parents will enter a direct contract with the Music Service for the lessons. The school simply brokers this facility.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for Year 5 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.

Residential Trips

Parents cannot be required to pay for the cost of residential visit in school time, although they will be required to pay for board and lodgings. The rest of the costs must remain a voluntary contribution.

Theatre Productions

This is mainly visiting theatre companies invited into school at Christmas to perform pantomimes. Again, we will request that parents make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the pantomime. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel the production. No child will be excluded from watching the performance.

Pupil Premium

Headteacher may use discretion to use pupil premium funding to cover the costs of additional extras where the pupil is eligible for pupil premium.

Cooking (Design and Technology)

Parents may occasionally be invited to contribute ingredients to cooking activities, particularly when the child/parent has ownership of the finished product or the costs of the activity are considered expensive by the school.

Breakages, Losses and Fines

The school reserves the right to ask parents to pay towards the cost of breakages, acts of vandalism, loss of or damage to books where this results from a pupil's behaviour or negligence. Each case is individually assessed before parents are invited to provide restitution.

Borrowing IT Equipment

Pupils in some year groups are able to take school IT laptops/notebooks home (for possible remote learning.) All parents must sign a loan agreement which includes a statement that they understand that they must pay for any loss or damage to either the device or any equipment for the device. Parents will be informed of the cost to repair the damaged and invoiced accordingly via Eduspot.

School Meals

The will Governing Board determine the cost of school meals generally in line with the provider. Any increases to the cost will be communicated to parents in good time for them to send in the appropriate payment.