

# ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

## Charging Policy



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## 1 Introduction

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 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. 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. Frequently 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 and other facilities to support curriculum
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre
- school trips abroad
- musical events

### **3 Residential visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits ( where their child is in receipt of Pupil Premium) are exempt from payment.

### **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 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. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

### **5 Swimming**

The school uses its own pool and makes no charge for this during curriculum time.

### **6 School minibus**

We normally charge children if they are transported in the minibus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip and not to make a profit.

### **7 Pupil Premium**

For any pupil who receives Free School Meals or is a Looked After Child, the school receives additional funding to support and provide the same opportunities than that of those not receiving free school meals. This funding is used to support all aspects of the curriculum including financially supporting trips and residential opportunities.

