

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of teaching and learning in our curriculum.

Voluntary contributions and Donations

The school raises money for various charities throughout the year. Money is raised through non - uniform days and events organised by both the staff and pupils. The children are asked to bring in donations for such events. There will be several events each year which raise money for the pupils of the school. These may include optional non-uniform days and sponsored events. This extra money is placed in the school fund and allows us to purchase additional items for school use. On occasion the school will ask for donations to help towards travel cost for educational trips and towards the costs of visiting theatre and educational companies. The amount asked for will vary depending upon the nature of the experience.

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school may invite parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. 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 differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a 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, and the school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional educational activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre company
- school trips abroad
- musical events

Clubs

All clubs are run through the goodwill of staff and volunteers. All clubs are free with the exception of those clubs that may require funding for resources e.g. cookery and art clubs. The charge for these clubs is kept to a minimum, the charge covers the cost of materials only.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

Off island residential visits

The school annually takes the children in year 6 on an off-island residential. There is a cost to this trip, we keep this cost as minimum as we can. Parents may pay the full in one go or in instalments.

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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. DESC make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state

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benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Sport

The school may offer additional sports coaching after school from time to time by a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff and who runs and organises these sessions. A small charge may be made for these sessions.

Minibus

We use private hire Taxis or Minibuses to transport the pupils to a many sporting events and competitions. The Friends of the school cover this cost. Parents will always be informed when children are travelling in these vehicles.