

# RIVERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Charging Policy



## **Introduction**

- 1.1 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 the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

## **Voluntary contributions**

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and 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 and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
  - sporting activities;
  - outdoor adventure activities;
  - visits to or by a theatre company;
  - school trips;
  - Musical events.

## **Residential visits**

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in 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 suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. In order to encourage all pupils to attend the annual school journey held in Year 6, Riversdale subsidises the cost for each child by an amount that is set by the Governors annually, and also takes into account each parents'/carers' circumstances on an individual basis.. Parents and carers also have the possibility of paying for the trip in weekly instalments over the whole of the relevant academic year.

## **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 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. We may make a charge for these lessons, but parents and carers in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **Swimming**

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

## **Sports**

- 6.1 The school may offer additional coaching after school, and the coach who runs and organises these sessions may not be a member of the school staff. In these circumstances a charge may be made to participants.

## **Monitoring and review**

- 7.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every year.