



**BUTTSBURY**  
**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

AN ACADEMY SCHOOL

# Charging Policy

*Maximum Effort for Maximum Achievement*

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. All education during school hours is free with the exception of individual or group music tuition which is not part of the National Curriculum.

## **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. 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;
  - outdoor adventure activities;
  - visits to the theatre;
  - school trips;
  - workshops at school;
  - musical events.

## **3 Residential visits**

- 3.1 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 but request voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the visit. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs for board and lodging.

## **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 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 but request voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the lessons and

transport. 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 Extra-Curricular Activities**

- 6.1** The school offers some additional coaching before and after school. Qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. The organising body make a small charge for these sessions.

## **7 Pupil Premium**

- 7.1** Pupil Premium is used to provide the voluntary contribution requested for visits for children who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding with the exception of residential visits where parents are also asked to make a contribution if possible.

### **Monitoring and Review**

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