

TRIANGLE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**CHARGING POLICY****MISSION STATEMENT**

‘Stand firm in the faith; be courageous, be strong. Do everything in love.’

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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip.

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 and they are not treated any differently. 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.

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;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit we make a charge to cover the costs including board and lodging. In certain circumstances, e.g. families whose children are in receipt of free school meals, some financial assistance towards the cost of the visit may be available.

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. This service is administered by Calderdale Schools Music Service. A charge is made for these lessons. The Schools Music Service provides information for parents about additional music tuition each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum and therefore no charge is made for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is subject to a 3-yearly review cycle.

This policy was reviewed and approved without amendment by the Governing Body in the Autumn Term 2022.

The next review will be the Autumn term of 2023.