

**FARINGDON JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**POLICY FOR  
CHARGING**

**Approved by the Governing Body on**

July 2012

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## Faringdon Junior School Charging Policy

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 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. 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 organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
  - visits to places of historical or geographical interest;
  - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
  - outdoor adventure activities;
  - visits to the theatre;
  - visits to Coleshill estate as part of the National Trust guardianship project
  - musical events.

### 3 Residential visits

- 3.1 Children in Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit. We make a charge for board and lodging, insurance and specialist instruction for certain activities. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. Parents who think they may find difficulty in paying are invited to talk with Mr Turner to negotiate an amount or rate.

### 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. They are charged 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.

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### **5 Swimming**

- 5.1** 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. We make a voluntary charge for transport for this activity. 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.

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