



FIVE STONES

Learning Federation

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Charging and Remissions Policy**

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Vision

"Life in all its fullness"

Our vision guides us in all that we hope to be, enabling every part of our community to grow and develop. This means growing in body, mind and spirit in order to flourish and experience the joy and hope of, 'life in all its fullness' (John 10.10).

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.

Voluntary contributions

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.

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 the 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.

Residential visits

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. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the Head Teacher. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled. If the trip goes ahead it may include those whose parents or carers have not paid any contribution, we do not treat those children differently from any others.

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 group music tuition within school time, since this is an additional curriculum activity and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by Local Authority peripatetic music teachers. A contract between the County Music Service and an individual's parents is issued. There is a cost for such tuition which is charged directly to parents from the County Music Service. We make a charge for these lessons but children entitled to free school meals or pupil premium pay a subsidy. We give parents information about additional music tuition throughout the 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. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Buses

For many activities, transport is required, due to the rural nature of our school. Any charge administered covers the expenses of the trip and not to make a profit.

After School Clubs

For example: Football /ICT/Cookery

The school offers a variety of additional clubs after school. Charges are made for these sessions to cover costs. Clubs who are run by external providers may charge.