

# CATWG PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Charging Policy

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Education during school hours is free. We do not charge for activity undertaken as part of the National or Foundation Phase curricula.

### 2. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school often invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel the trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include those children whose parents have not paid a contribution. We do not treat those children differently from 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 take part in the trip or activity, unless the activity cannot go ahead because of insufficient funds. The school often pays additional costs in order to support visits. 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 will require voluntary contributions from parents. The list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- Musical events

### 3. RESIDENTIAL VISITS

If the school organises a residential visit in school or mainly school time, we do make a charge to cover the cost of board and lodgings. Parents in receipt of certain benefits are exempt from payment.

### 4. MUSIC TUITION

Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to study music as part of the normal school curriculum, we do not charge for this.

### 5. SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for certain year groups, these take place in school time. We make no charge for this activity, parents are informed when swimming lessons take place.

### 6. TRAVEL

When coaches are hired, or where the school mini bus is used, the school may ask for a contribution towards the cost of travel. This may include those children whose parents have not paid a contribution. We do not treat those children differently from others.

### 7. MONITORING AND REVIEW

The policy is monitored by the Headteacher and regularly reviewed by the Governing Body. Amendments to the policy are made in light of changes in legislation.