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Nicol Mere CP. Charging Policy

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 group music tuition on occasions.
- All school equipment eg pencils, books etc is free and we do not usually charge for lost /broken equipment such as planners (but we retain the right to do so in extreme circumstances). Some SAT revision books are made freely available to parents on the understanding they are returned in good condition (these can also be purchased and kept by parents if they wish).

Voluntary contributions

- When organising school trips, visits or visitors, 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 in extreme circumstances 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 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 examples 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;
 - ❖ sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - ❖ outdoor adventure activities;
 - ❖ visits to the theatre;
 - ❖ school trips abroad;
 - ❖ musical events;
 - ❖ visits to the school by theatre companies etc.

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Residential visits eg. Lowbank

- If the school organises a residential visit we usually make charges for travel expenses and board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits can sometimes receive subsidies.

Music tuition

- All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- Currently there are some charges for individual or group music tuition when it does not fit part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons.

Swimming

- 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. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Football

- On occasions the school offers additional football coaching . A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions and voluntary contributions are usually asked for. Some agencies eg Sports Academy offer taster sessions in class time for free but charge pupils for clubs after school. The school does not charges if clubs are run by staff.

Monitoring and review

- This policy is monitored by the Governors and reviewed annually.