



Charging Policy 2016

At Trefonen RESPECT is our core value. Mutual respect and good behaviour is the expectation of all adults and children at all times.

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 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:

- school trips e.g. visits to museums or the theatre
- occasional project activities e.g. cooking, technology
- special visitors or curriculum workshops
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- extra-curricular activities e.g. school clubs
- musical events

3. 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. We make a charge for these lessons. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to write in confidence to the headteacher. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

4. 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 ask for a small contribution towards the transport and hire of the pool. 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.

5. Extra Curricular Activities

Lunch time and after school activities are an important part of education. We offer a wide variety of clubs, e.g. recorders, gardening, science, art and a variety of sports clubs such as cross-country, karate, netball, dance, cricket. We make a small charge for these activities to cover the costs of resources and any tuition fees.