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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL VISITS

We may charge for the cost of board and lodgings during overnight school trips, but the charge will not be more than the accommodation actually costs. Parents should contact the school for further information.

MUSIC TUITION

Charges may be made when the tuition is not an essential part of:

- the National Curriculum
- a public examination syllabus
- first access to the Key Stage 2 instrumental and vocal tuition, Wider Opportunities programme

We may charge for music tuition for individuals or groups of any appropriate size.

EXAMINATIONS

No charge will be made for entering pupils for public examinations that are on the National Curriculum. However, an examination entry fee may be charged to parents if:

- the pupil wasn't prepared for the examination at the school
- the examination isn't on the National Curriculum, but the school arranges for the pupil to take it
- a pupil fails without good reason to complete the requirements of any public examination where the governing body or local authority (LA) originally paid or agreed to pay the entry fee

We may charge for:

- re-sits for public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school
- costs of non-prescribed examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school

BREAKAGES AND REPLACEMENTS

We may charge for breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused wilfully or negligently by pupils.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL CLUBS

We may charge for extra-curricular activities and school clubs.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of

- any activity which takes place during school hours
- school equipment

The contribution is voluntary and pupils of parents who can't, or don't want to, contribute will not be excluded from the activity. Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there are no other ways to get funds, we may cancel the activity.