

## Charging Policy

At Bonner, we are proud of our varied, enriched curriculum and the confidence and achievements of our pupils. We value every child, parent and member of staff and the contribution each has to make.

Our aim and expectation is for the children who attend our school to leave us in Year 6 with the skills and positive thinking needed to achieve their ambitions and to lead happy, successful lives.



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### 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 will include children whose parents have not paid any contribution will still be included. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

The Income is recorded in the trip register (see attached regulation)

- 2.2 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.

- 2.3 The following is a list 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;
- musical events.

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### 3 Residential visits

- 3.1 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 will request a contribution for the education or travel expenses.

### 4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

### 5 Swimming

- 5.1 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

### 6. Nursery School Meals

Nursery Provision are excluded from the Statutory MFSM Provision. The Business Manager has delegated the daily management to the Administration Assistants including monitoring and collecting the income, tracking and monitoring.

Weekly liaison meetings between the team and the Business Manager to ensure the school are following legislation.

- **The current charges are:- £1.90**
- **Billing Process:- Fortnightly**

Signed: Alan Ball

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