WHERWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Let's love to learn and thrive together.'

Charging Policy

Date Agreed	Agreed By	Next review date
May 2025	F&E Committee	May 2026

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.

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 practicable. 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 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 a summary of this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which are funded by voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums and historical sites;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- fieldwork activities;
- musical events.

3 **Residential visits**

3.1 The School organises residential visits. Attendance is optional and the purpose of the visit is for personal development and curriculum enrichment. The full cost of this trip is charged to the parents. However, we may use money from the Pupil Premium to subsidise children on the Ever 6 list and have applied for external grant assistance on behalf of other pupils if requested by parents.

4 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. Parents of children in receipt of Ever6 funding are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

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 Sports

6.1 The school may offer additional sports coaching after school. Qualified, DBS checked, coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. A charge is made for these sessions.

7 Data Protection and Freedom of Information

The school has adopted the following policy;

7.1 To charge the statutory maximum fee in respect of a request made under the Data Protection Act 1998.

7.2 To charge a fee not exceeding the cost of supply in respect of a request made under the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2000; and

7.3 To charge a fee, in accordance with relevant regulations, in respect of a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2005.