



### **Introduction**

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### **Voluntary contributions**

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 find it necessary to cancel an event. Children whose parents have not made a contribution will not be excluded from any event. Parents have a right to know how each event is funded. The school will provide this information.

### **After School Clubs**

The school offers a range of after school clubs that are led by staff at the school. Most of these activities are offered free of charge (a small fee for material costs may be charged). In addition there are several after school clubs that are led by outside commercial organisations. Qualified instructors, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. The organising companies make a charge for these activities. This money does not enter the school accounts, but is paid straight to the company by the parents.

### **Stay & Play Child Care Provision**

The school provides child care facilities as part of its commitment to supporting families through the extended school agenda. The club provides breakfast and after school child care and is not part of the schools educational provision. Any parent wishing to access this child care must agree to the terms and conditions of the club which includes fees and payment options.

### **Residential visits**

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 do not make any charge for the teaching/instruction. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who are unable to afford the full cost of the visit are able to negotiate with the Headteacher to either spread the payments over a period of time or to have the cost of the trip subsidised by the school. This agreement will be put in writing with an agreed payment plan. All parents will be asked to make a contribution of a minimum of 50%, to include the non-refundable deposit. The school will support parents with the cost of one residential visit per child during their time at the school. All agreed costs must be paid before the date of the trip.

### **Music Tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers from Hampshire Music Service teach individual or small groups and make a charge for these lessons. Information about additional music tuition is given at the start of each academic year.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons currently for all Year 3 Children and Year 6 non-swimmers. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. A voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport to and from the pool is requested.

### **Pupil Premium**

Premium funds are allocated to the school based upon FSM, CLA, adopted or service children. This fund is intended to help support these children to ensure they are making good academic progress as data

shows that this group of children are at risk of making poor academic progress. How this money is spent is down to the school. In line with best practice expectations laid out by the Department for Education, the Governors at LJS have agreed that the majority of this money is focused on staff/training and direct academic/emotional support. In addition the school may support children with the cost of other activities if it is identified as a priority need that would support their emotional/academic progress.

The school publishes a separate Pupil Premium action plan and spending review annually, outlining the ways in which these additional monies are spent in more detail and the impact of that the spend is having. This document can be accessed via the school's website or in hard copy via the school office upon request.

### **Remissions**

Lymington Junior School may from time to time decide to remit all or part of the cost of activities involving particular groups of pupils. This will be at the Headteacher's discretion.

In other circumstances, there may be cases of family hardship, which make it difficult for pupils to take part in particular activities for which a charge is made. Hence, when arranging a chargeable activity, the School will invite parents to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or in full. The Headteacher, on behalf of the Governing Body, will make authorisation of remission. All parents will, however, have the right of appeal to the Governing Body directly, usually represented in cases such as these by the Chair of Governors.

### **Monitoring & Review of Policy**

It is the responsibility of Governing Body to evaluate and review this policy annually and make any changes required.

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