

## **Charging Policy**

*Ysgol y Gorlan*



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***Review Date:***

## 1. Introduction

Pupils do not pay for the education we provide during usual school hours. We do not charge for any activity that is part of the National Curriculum, except for some music training for some individuals or small groups.

## 2. Voluntary Contributions

When school excursions or visits are organised to enrich the curriculum and the children's educational experience, the school invites parents and guardians to contribute towards the cost. Every contribution is voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may need to cancel the excursion. If the excursion takes place, then children of parents who have not contributed, may continue to go on that excursion. We do not treat those children any differently to the others.

If a parent wishes his/her child to go on a school excursion or participate in an event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the excursion or event. Sometimes, the school pays the additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents and guardians have the right to know how each excursion is funded, and the school will give out this information at the parents/guardians request.

If any parent finds it difficult to pay, they will be invited to see the Headteacher and other arrangements will be made to overcome the issue. No child is excluded from the activities on the grounds of an inability or unwillingness to contribute voluntarily.

Listed below are additional activities, organised by the school, where it is necessary to get voluntary contributions from parents and guardians. These activities are called 'additional optional activities'. The list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sports activities where there are travelling expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

## 3. Residential visits

If a school organises a residential visit during school hours, or mainly during school hours, where education is provided that is directly linked to the National Curriculum, we do not charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do request a payment to meet with food and accommodation costs. If we cannot raise sufficient funds through these voluntary contributions, then we may have to cancel the visit, and we would have to deal with this aspect of the curriculum through other means.

## 4. Music Teaching

Every child studies music as part of the school's usual curriculum. We do not charge for this.

A charge is levied for individual music training or for a small group, as this is an extra-curricular activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These lessons for individuals or a small group are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We give parents and guardians information regarding additional music training at the beginning of every school year.

## 5. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for every child in Key Stage 2. These take place during school hours and are part of the National Curriculum. We do not charge for this activity, however, we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and guardians to pay for transport. We inform parents and guardians when these lessons take place, and ask for the written permission of the parent/guardian for their children to take part.

## 6. Monitoring and Reviewing

The right to determine to what extent, if at all, funding from the school's fund or other sources is used to pay for part of the cost of activities is delegated to the Headteacher.

The right to determine the cases that arise when implementing this policy is delegated to the Headteacher.

This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed every two years, or more frequently if necessary.

**Signed on behalf of the Chair of the Governors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_