

2018

# Charging Policy



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Primary School

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

Voluntary Contributions: When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip based on the total cost of the trip. The school **will** endeavour to keep the cost as reasonable as possible. All contributions are voluntary. **If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions the school will cancel a trip.** 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 other.

- 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, with the support of the PTA, pays additional costs to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides the information on request.
- The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. The list is not exhaustive.
  - Visits to museums
  - Visits to the theatre
  - Visits to castles and other places.
  - Musical events – Young Voices
  - Visits to Techniquist
  - Other School trips related to Curriculum topics

Residential visits: If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging for visiting, for example, Dan-y-wenallt Outdoor Centre in the Brecon Beacons. The school also allows extended payment periods, to spread the cost for parents.

Music Tuition: All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. The school does not charge for this. Music lessons give by peripatetic music teachers are charged for and payment is made directly to the music tutor. Parents pay for the cost of these lessons. The school gives parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming: Children have swimming lessons at Brecon Leisure Centre as part of the National Curriculum. The school makes a charge to cover transport which is not covered by the LA. The school informs parents when these lessons are to take

place and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in the swimming lessons.

Extra-Curricular Activities: Teachers run a number of after school clubs for the benefit of the children in the school. They work hard and give their time for free in order to provide these additional learning opportunities. The School does not charge for after School Clubs run by School staff but if outside agencies like Minecraft or tennis run clubs, then sometimes a charge is incurred.

Transport/mini bus: If the school has to pay for the hire of a mini-bus/ other transport in order to take children to an extra-curricular activity then the school makes a small charge for this. However, the school uses these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip and not to make a profit.

Biscuit Money: All foundation phase children are required to pay biscuit money termly to cover the cost of a morning snack. The charge covers the cost of the biscuits and cooking ingredients for foundation phase children.

Refunds: If a trip is cancelled for whatever reason then all voluntary contributions received will be returned to the parents.

Signed:

Head teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Governors: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 30.1.18

This policy will be operational from the above date.