

Penywaun Primary School

Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. 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 to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. 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 or by a theatre company;
 - school trips abroad;
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 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. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and transport. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this and nor do we charge for the teaching of any public examination syllabus being taught in the school.
- 4.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, which for each pupil will not exceed the actual cost of provision divided by the number of pupils registered to participate. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers, with no more than 4 pupils in a group. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. The school will source the provider of music tuition on behalf of pupils but reserves the right to request that parents contract directly with the provider rather than indirectly via the school. If a child who is in receipt of Free School Meals opts to take part in learning a musical instrument as an individual or as part of a group, the school will cover the cost and will make separate arrangements with those pupils' parents regarding how this is managed.

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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, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of transport. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

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6 **Monitoring and review**

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