

# Hywel Dda Primary School

## Charging Policy

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**Signature:** *F. Williams* Chair of Governors

#### **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 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 others.

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 this 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'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre
- visiting theatre groups/puppet shows
- musical events

#### **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 education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of travel (if needed) board and lodging.

#### **Music tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Peripatetic music teachers may teach individual or small group lessons for which there may be a charge.

#### **Swimming**

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.

#### **After School Clubs**

The school offers additional activities after school. These activities are run on a voluntary basis and are usually provided without charge. There may be occasions where a voluntary contribution is needed to cover additional activities. Occasionally, there is an activity taking place from an outside agency. If this is the case there is an agreed charge before the activity takes place.

#### **Breakages and Damage**

Where a pupil's behaviour results in damage to school property or equipment, parents may be asked to pay for the necessary repair or replacement. Each incident should be dealt with on its own merit and at the school's discretion.