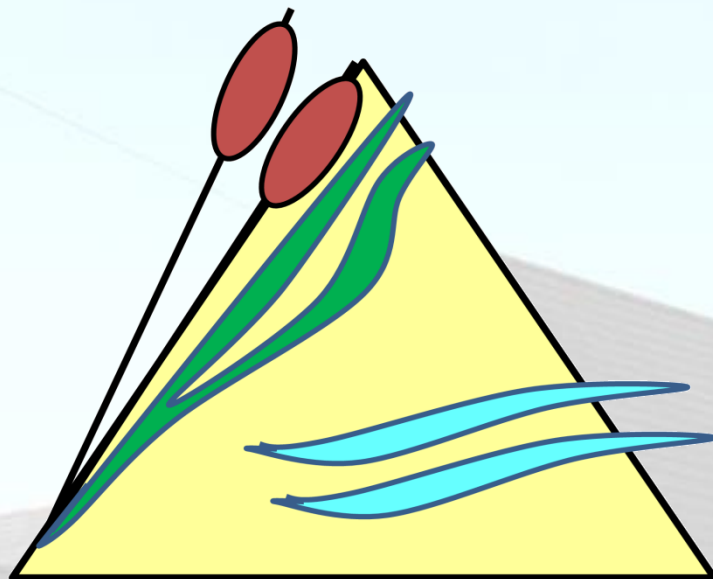


Ty'n y Wern Primary School



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Charging and Remission Policy

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The Governing Body at Ty'n y Wern Primary School recognises the value of educational visits to support pupils' learning. In terms of remission pupils will be refunded in full (excluding deposit) if they are unable to attend an educational visit due to illness, unless the venue has already taken full payment.

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to set out what charges can and cannot be made for activities in Ty'n y Wern Primary School. The policy has been drawn up in accordance with Section 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 which sets out the law regarding what charges can and cannot be made for activities in schools maintained by local authorities.

No charge will be made for;

- Education provided wholly or mainly during the school day.
- Admission to school for children of school age and admission on a part-time basis for Nursery aged pupils.
- Activities which are any part of the curriculum.
- The supply of any materials, books or any other equipment that is to be used solely during school hours.

The school will always make every possible effort to subsidise school trips, visits or in school enrichment activities, where possible. The additional funds to ensure that our pupils have access to a range of activities come directly from the school budget and/or PDG funding or any possible grants that may be available.

The Governing Body support the school stance of charging realistic contributions towards in-house performances of music, drama and workshops, which provide a rich experience for our pupils.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school may invite parents and carers to contribute to the cost. If additional funds are needed for the trip to go ahead, the school will, if possible, further subsidise the cost of the trip. Trips may include children whose parents or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

If for some reason the cost of the trip cannot be met by voluntary contributions and monies subsidised by the school then the trip may have to be cancelled.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which MAY require voluntary contributions from parents and carers.

This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Artists in residences;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips;
- musical events.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

At present, we do not charge for music services provided by the LA Music Service. Brass lessons, singing tuition, ukulele, recorders, percussion and composition are fully funded by the school to ensure a greater number of pupils have access to this opportunity. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year if this service is available.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for 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 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.

Sport

The school offers additional coaching in various sports and there is no charge.

Support for Parents/Carers

To ensure all parents are given the opportunity to pay for school trips we will notify parents in advance to allow sufficient time to save and plan for the cost of trips. We will offer parents the option of paying in instalments over an agreed period of time.

Monitoring and Review

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