



Charging Policy

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Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as apart of the National Curriculum. The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities provided by the staff of Ysgol Bryn Garth including clubs, trips, and residential excursions can make towards pupils' personal and social education.

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 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.

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:

- Year or class visits to museums, art galleries, historic sites, etc;
- Sporting activities which may require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- School trips;
- 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 charges in relation to the travel expenses and lodging.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. At times, school is able to offer peripatetic music tuition to teach individual or small group lessons. Any lessons from peripatetic music teachers are subsidised but are charged to parents as these are in addition to the school's curriculum.

Charging in Kind

Families who are willing to contribute in cash or in kind for such items as ingredients for cooking, materials for D&T, books for reading will be encouraged to do so on a voluntary basis.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We do ask for a voluntary contribution to the travel expenses.

General

The Governing Body of Ysgol Bryn Garth may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of providing education for pupils.

However, as stated in the Act, such contributions **MUST** be genuinely voluntary and the terms of any request made for a contribution will make it clear that there is no obligation to contribute and that the pupils of Ysgol Bryn Garth will not be treated differently according to whether or not their families have made any contribution in response to the request made.

The Governing Body does, however, reserve the right to cancel trips, activities etc. if sufficient funds are not forthcoming via voluntary contributions, which therefore make the trip/activity unviable. To assist in the organisation of such events, the voluntary contributions will have to be received by a specific date prior to the event as indicated in correspondence with parents.

Remission

Where a child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the school may use the Pupil Development Grant to remit all or part of the cost of a school trip or residential visit.