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Blackwood Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Coed Duon

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Mission Statement

“United we Empower, Nurture, Challenge”

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Empower: Making everyone stronger and more confident, to realise their dreams, taking ownership of their futures

Nurture: To care for and protect everyone while they are growing

Challenge: To maximise everyone’s potential, across all capacities, to constantly improve

This policy aims to give all members of the school community clear guidance about the rationale, principles, strategies and expectations of the Charging and Remissions procedures at Blackwood Primary School.

Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities and experiences can make towards pupils’ personal and social education. The Governors aim to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils in the schools, and as additional optional activities. All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of this policy will:

- set out what the school will not charge for, what it will make a charge for or request a voluntary contribution from parents/carers;
- clarify how charges will be determined, so parents and carers understand why requests for payment are sometimes made for some activities.



Voluntary contributions

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.

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.

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;
- field trips and research visits;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

Residential visits

The school will need to suggest a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of board and lodging and transport, although parents and carers who receive state benefits may receive a discounted rate if provided within the LA. 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.

Music tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.



Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Year 5. 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 and to walk to and from the Leisure Centre.

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.

After School Clubs offered by local companies, e.g. Taekwondo, football who will levy their own charges paid directly to them.

Lost or Damaged Property

Parents may be asked to pay the replacement costs of any school property or equipment which is lost or wilfully damaged by a pupil.

Monitoring and review

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

