



Charging Policy

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 to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents 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 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 Techniquist
- visits to St Fagans
- outdoor adventure activities ie Bryngarw country park
- visits to or by a theatre company
- school trips
- musical events

Dinner Money

Dinner monies should be paid promptly via the BCBC website as per the school's procedures. The details of such payments are available on the school website and at the school office. In the event of a change in home circumstances and a pupil becomes entitled to free school meals, the parents are responsible for informing the school as soon as possible.

Monitoring and review

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