YSGOL GYNRADD PONTARDDULAIS
PONTARDDULAIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is at the heart of our school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. As a rights-respecting school we not only teach about children's rights but also model rights and respect in all relationships – Linked to Articles 28

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1. Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the curriculum.

2. 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

based on individual circumstances, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. 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.

3. Residential Visits

A charge will be made for accommodation, food costs, bus and cover for any staff, for any residential school trip involving an overnight stay. We endeavor to provide as much notice as possible, of costs, to allow for payment plans to be set up.

4. Music Tuition

There are three peripatetic music teachers who teach class sessions. There is no charge for parents for this service as it is funded by the school.

5. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Years 5 and 6 and when possible, Year 4. These take place in school time and are part of the curriculum. We make no charge for this, as again, the school funds the sessions. 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.

6. Sporting Activities

The school offers some additional coaching after school. Members of school staff run and organise these sessions. We do not make any charge for these sessions.

7. Transport

We normally charge children if they are transported by coach to an extra – curricular activity or event. These charges are only to cover the expenses of the transport.

8. Breakages and Damages

Where a student's negative 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.

9. **PDG Funds**

When possible, we will use the PDG grant to help with costs for Free School Meal children for trips and residentials. We offer a 50% reduction.