



Blaendulais Primary School 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, 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 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 museums and places of educational interest;
- Sporting activities which 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 or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits are exempt from payment. We do offer a savings scheme to help parents pay for courses which are more expensive.

Music tuition

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

There is no charge for individual or group music tuition. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We do not charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Some extra-curricular music activities, which are run by outside providers, do have a cost implication.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all 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 when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Sport

The school offers additional sport coaching after school. A teacher and sometimes a volunteer run and organise these sessions. We do not charge for these sessions.

Extra-curricular clubs

There are a variety of extra-curricular clubs run by school staff. There is no charge for attendance at these clubs. However, some external providers provide clubs for pupils at lunch times and after school and there is a small charge made for attendance at these clubs.