



Sully Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Sili

Charging & Remissions Policy

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Policy on Charging & Remissions

Introduction

At Sully Primary School, all the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

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 or other cultural venues;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- residential trips;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we make a charge for the education and travel expenses. 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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year and will try to support families who cannot afford music lessons for their children.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Progression Step 3. 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.

After School Clubs

The school offers additional sports coaching after school (netball, rugby, hockey etc), these lessons are delivered by members of staff and we make no charge for these lessons. We also have a large number of other free clubs.

The pupils also have the opportunity to attend additional clubs e.g. Drama Club and Spanish Club, and as we have to bring in a specialist teacher, parents have to pay for these lessons.

There is a free Breakfast Club at Sully Primary School. This club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6, five mornings a week. Allocation of a space within the Breakfast Club is based on a waiting-list system.

Transportation of Pupils

As previously mentioned in this policy, we occasionally ask parents to help support the payment of transportation costs but pupils are not excluded if parents do not contribute towards these costs.

Breakages and Damage

Where a pupil's behaviour results in damage to school property or equipment, parents may be asked to pay for the necessary repair or replacement. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at the schools discretion.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every year, or earlier if necessary.

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