

Charging Policy 2025



Ystruth Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Ystruth

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1 Introduction

1.1 In the opinion of both the Governing Body and the teaching staff of this school it is vital that the children in our care be given as wide a range of experiences as possible. 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.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 At Ystruth Primary School, it is agreed that under the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, no child will be prevented from taking part in a school activity because of parents' inability or unwillingness to meet the cost.

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 or educational experience. 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.

2.2 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 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.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums or other places of interest;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 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 have reduced payment terms.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum which comes under the Expressive Arts AoLE. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is currently no 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.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in from Y3 to Y6 and including learners in the SRB. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity though we do charge for the use of buses. 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.

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Signed: