



## **Rhydri Primary School Charging Policy**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 All education during school hours is provided at no cost to parents. The school does not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### **2 Voluntary contributions**

- 2.1 When organising educational 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 the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, a trip may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. The school does not treat these children differently from any others.
- 2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in an educational visit or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the school allows 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 visit is funded. The school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 The following is a list of possible additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
  - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
  - outdoor adventure activities;
  - visits to the theatre;
  - musical events;
  - visiting workshops.

### **3 Residential visits**

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, charges are made to cover expenses which include travel and accommodation. Financial support is available for families under financial difficulties. Requests for financial assistance are considered on an individual basis by the Head teacher.

### **4 Music tuition**

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the school curriculum. The school does not charge for this.
- 4.2 There is a 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. The LA make a charge for these lessons which is heavily subsidised by the

school. Financial support may be available for children from vulnerable families. Requests for financial assistance are considered on an individual basis by the Head teacher.

The school gives parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **5 Swimming**

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children during Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. The LA make a charge for these lessons which is fully subsidised by the school.

## **6 Extra- Curricular Activities**

- 6.1 The school offers a range of after school activities. There is a charge for some of these sessions. Financial support may be available for children from vulnerable families. Requests for financial assistance are considered on an individual basis by the Head teacher.

## **7 School Meals**

- 7.1 The current cost of a school meal (January 2015) is £1.90 per day. Lunch money is payable in advance on Mondays. It is possible to pay by cheque made payable to the **Caerphilly County Borough Council**.

- 7.2 There is an entitlement to free school meals if parents are in receipt of:
- Income Support;
  - Income Based Jobseekers Allowance;
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
  - Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190. (HM Revenue and Customs are responsible for assessing the level of annual income.);
  - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
  - Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
  - Universal Credit.

The benefit runs from one year or until circumstances change. Parents/carers are expected to reapply annually.

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Signed by Chair of  
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