



# **St. Julian's Primary School**

## **Charging Policy**

St. Julian's Primary School strives to enhance and enrich the learning experiences of our pupils. This not only adds to the enjoyment of the subjects they are taught, but to their understanding and experience of the content. We believe all our pupils have an equal right to benefit from visits, curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Most of the activities undertaken away from school have a cost associated with them. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide them unless we ask our parents for voluntary contributions. We ask for contributions to be made online using ParentPay.

There are some strict rules by which we must abide. Our charging policy, which has been agreed by the Governing Body of the school, sets out what we will charge for, how we will try and make it manageable for you as parents, and how we will assist those with limited income.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Schools are not allowed to charge for activities which are part of the normal school day or part of the National Curriculum, but we can ask for Voluntary contributions.

Examples of times in which we ask for voluntary contributions:

- \* Transport on school visits
- \* Admission charges
- \* Residential activities

In order to offer your child the widest range of activities designed to broaden their experiences, we request for your financial assistance. Your contribution is voluntary, but if we do not receive sufficient contributions, the activity will need to be cancelled.

**NO CHILD WILL EVER BE EXCLUDED FROM AN ACTIVITY BECAUSE PARENTS CANNOT PAY.**

Parents who find that they are unable to pay due to their financial circumstances, should contact the Head Teacher who will be able to assist them in total confidence.

The voluntary contribution parents are requested to make, does not exceed the actual cost per pupil of the activity. No parent will be asked to subsidise those who have not paid.

We shall inform you if for any reason the activity cannot take place due to inadequate funds.

We shall give you as much notice as possible of any activities which will require voluntary contributions.

### **Optional Extras**

The following items are charged as optional extras:

Peripatetic music tuition where the actual cost will not be exceeded by the charge.

Charging for residential visits. Year 6 pupils currently visit Llangrannog.

We will assist you in every way we can by:

- \* Giving you as much notice as possible
- \* Having clear procedures to enable you to pay by instalments
- \* Ensuring that, where there is a limited allocation of places, that children will be selected in a fair and transparent way.

Because of their financial situation, some parents may qualify for a reduction in the cost of residential visits. If you feel you are in this situation, please contact the school. All conversations will be treated with the utmost integrity.

### **Some of the visits the pupils experience:**

- National Museum of Wales: Cathays Park, Cardiff
- St Fagans
- Newport Wetlands
- Magor Marsh
- Caerleon Roman Museum and amphitheatre
- Techniquist

- Bristol Zoo
- Weston-Super-Mare Seaquarium
- Llancaiach Fawr
- Big Pit
- Greenmeadow Farm
- Caerphilly Mountain View Ranch (Gruffalo trail)

### **Swimming**

The Governors have made the decision that no charge is made for swimming tuition, but a voluntary contribution is requested to cover the cost of transport.

*Please see the Headteacher should you have any queries regarding this policy.*

This policy was updated January 2018 by Mr David Rees

This policy was presented and accepted by the Governing Body on 8 February 2018

Signed .....(Chair person)

The staff were made aware of this policy and or updates in February 2018