

Pembroke Primary School



Policy for School Charging Policy

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Charging Policy Statement

As a school we recognise the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities and experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. We aim to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils in the schools, and as additional optional activities.

Voluntary Contributions

To support covering the cost of such visits and events it is often necessary to ask for voluntary contributions from parents. No family member will feel pressured into paying a contribution. These contributions cover all fees associated with the trip or event. No profit is made on such trips or events, often the contributions do not cover the total costs and other funding from school budget, Friends of Pembroke funds and or grant funds are used to supplement the contributions. However, the school reserves the right to can cancel such trips and visits if contributions do not cover the costs. 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. Any family on free school meals who has difficulty meeting such contributions is exempt from making a contribution. The school can make arrangements for collecting contributions on a weekly basis in order to make the contributions more manageable, depending on the cost of the trip/visit.

Families 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. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- visiting theatre groups/puppet shows;
- musical events.

*excluding residential



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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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are provided for all pupils from year 2 to 6 . We do not make a charge for the lesson, however, we do ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the bus and permission is required for the children to attend. Any such contribution towards these costs is voluntary and will not be enforced. Furthermore pupils will not be excluded from taking part in swimming lessons simply because their parents choose not to contribute towards any additional costs.

Afterschool Clubs

After School Clubs offered by local companies, e.g., Sports Xtra, will levy their own charges paid directly to them.

Prostars are examples of private facilitators who run clubs at the school. Full payment is a requirement for such clubs run by facilitators other than teaching staff.

Some clubs run by staff or voluntary organisations such as archery will charge for materials.

There is a private after school child care club which requires full payment.

Breakfast club and lunch payment are out of the scope of this policy as they are LA managed.

To be read in conjunction with Welsh Government Guidance for Governing Bodies.

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