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'Pob plentyn, pob cyfle, pob dydd'

Charging Policy

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The effect of the Education Reform Act 1988 on charging in schools is set in DFEE Circular 2/89. LAs and Governing Bodies have a duty to state a policy on charging with effect from 1st April 1989, and until such a policy is stated, no charges may be levied. This document seeks to fulfil that requirement.

Day Visits

In accordance with the requirements of the Act and Circular 2/89, these will be funded by voluntary contributions from parents based on the cost per child. If there are insufficient funds forthcoming by this method then either:

- i) the trip will be cancelled OR
- ii) those contributions collected will be returned and the whole cost met from school sources.

To this end, where proposed visits fall within this category, as part of the information sent out to parents, the following will be included: Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of ___X___ per child for this, which should be sent to the school office by a specified date. Failure to make a contribution in respect of a child will not result in differential treatment of that child but should too few such contributions be received; the visit may have to be cancelled.

It is already school policy that no child be excluded on financial grounds alone, and this will continue with remission arrangements for children whose families are on Income Support or who are in receipt of Family Credit in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Non-Residential Visits at least 50% out of school time

Visits in this category are rare, but examples might be visits to sports events in the evening or at weekends. These will continue to be funded by parents as before. It is already school policy that no child be excluded on financial grounds alone, and this will continue with remission arrangements for children whose families are on Income Support or who are in receipt of Family Credit in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Circular 2/89.

Instrumental Music Tuition

This takes place for a few children who choose to take up learning an instrument and teach by the LA's peripatetic music staff and is given at school in school time. From September 2013 the LA are now charging parents directly. This is at a cost of £132 per annum, plus a maintenance fee of £25 for the loan of an instrument. The school collects the money for the child. If a child does not pay, the debt then lies with the school. The school have a right to stop lessons for non payment. There will be no reduction for siblings. Children who receive free school meals will be free of charge.

Residential Visits

At this school, for residential visits which take place during and after school hours, we request a voluntary contribution from parents. If there are insufficient funds forthcoming by this method then either:

- i) the trip will be cancelled and those contributions collected will be returned

It is already school policy that no child be excluded on financial grounds alone, and this will continue with remission arrangements for children whose families are on Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (income based) and Working Families Tax Credit or who are in receipt of Family Credit in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Circular 2/89.

Fund raising

In order to boost our school fund's we hold several fund raising activities throughout the year:

Christmas and Summer Fairs

Discos

Non uniform days

Coffee mornings

Film night

We make a small charge for tickets for our Christmas Show. This is to offset the cost incurred in photocopying, any props and costumes. The money is then used for the children. We also charge for tickets to school discos and film nights.

Our school fund is used to supplement materials or equipment to support the curriculum. It may also be used to subsidise the cost of trips and bus travel to sporting events or artists/ musicians in residence.

Charities

The school supports a number of charities such as Red Nose Day, Mc Millan, Children in Need.

Money donated by the local community in our Harvest Celebration was given to the local chapel.