



## Ysgol Melyd Charging Policy

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## **Introduction**

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the Curriculum for Wales with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

This charging policy is written in accordance with the [Welsh Government non statutory guidance](#).

## **Voluntary Contributions**

When organizing 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. 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.

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 do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'.

This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Musical events

## **Residential Visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the Curriculum for Wales, 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. Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals may be exempt from payment or pay a reduced amount, with the balance funded via the Pupil Development Grant. If any residential visit is primarily extra-curricular then a charge will be made to cover the costs and children may not attend unless full payment is received by the date specified on the letter to parents. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that parents can pay in instalments prior to the visit.

## **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 Curriculum for Wales. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The tutors, or the organisation to which they belong, make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **Swimming**

The school organizes swimming lessons for all children from year 3. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and we ask parents for a voluntary contribution for transport and to write a letter when they aren't swimming.

## **Sports and other after-school activities**

The school offers additional sports coaching and other after-school after school, which is part of our school clubs. Ordinarily there is no charge for these activities, although in some instances we will require a contribution towards expenses (e.g. cooking ingredients, or transport, entry fees).

This policy is monitored by the Governing Body and will be reviewed every four years, or earlier if necessary.