



Ysgol Gynradd Brynhyfryd Primary School

"Breuddwydio, credu, llwyddo gyda'n gilydd!"

"Dream, believe, achieve together!"

Brynhyfryd Primary School is a Rights Respecting School

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is at the heart of our school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. As a rights-respecting school we not only teach about children's rights but also model rights and respect in all relationships – Linked to Articles 28&29(CRC)

SCHOOL POLICY DOCUMENT

THE SCHOOL CHARGING POLICY

Approved by Governors:

Next Review:

Rationale

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including day and residential educational visits; musical and theatrical performances, can make towards the children's personal and social education. These activities provide pupils with experiences beyond the normal scope of the National Curriculum.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:-

- Board and lodging provided for pupils on residential visits;
- Visits from outside groups - e.g. Theatre companies, Music Ensembles.

Charges in Kind

Where a child participates in a Food Technology activity the parents or carers may be asked to supply the ingredients, or a nominal contribution will be requested for such an activity, on the understanding that the finished product is taken home at the end of the school day.

Remissions

If a residential activity takes place largely during school time, meets the requirements of the curriculum, or religious education, no charge may be made either for the education or for the cost of travel.

However, charges can be made for board and lodging in these circumstances except for pupils whose parents are receiving:

- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit (providing that they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed the limit set
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

The Headteacher should advise all parents of the right to claim free activities if they are receiving these benefits.

When arranging such a chargeable activity or an activity where a voluntary contribution is requested (see below), the Governing Body will invite parents to apply in confidence to the Headteacher for the remission of charges, in part or full.

Where there is financial hardship in a family, the Governing Body will remit, in part or full, the cost of a school, class or year group activity. Authorisation of remissions will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

Voluntary Contributions

Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing an educational activity for pupils.

The Governing Body may from time to time review its Charging and Remissions Policy and inform parents in writing of any amendments.

The Governing Body's Charging and Remissions Policy is based on, and subject to the conditions set out in the following documents.

Equal Opportunities

All children will receive the same opportunities for additional activities. Every possible effort will be made to ensure that all children have access to such activities, unless medical reasons prevent this.