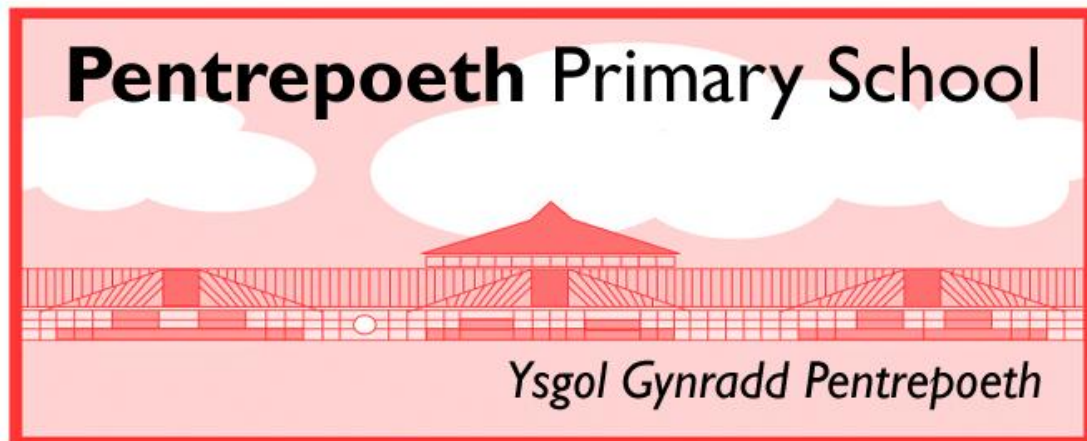# Pentrepoeth Primary School

Charging Policy

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Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. 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 or carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 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. Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities;
- outdoor pursuits;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents and carers in receipt of state benefits are able to access a local authority fund. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Governors have agreed that the current fees for Music tuition are as follows:-

£40 per term in first year of lessons

£50 per term in the following years

5   Swimming

5.1   The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of transport and any additional tuition which may be needed. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

6   Football

6.1   The school offers additional football coaching after school. A qualified FA coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. SHOOT is the current company and they make their own charges for these sessions.

7   School minibus

7.1   We do not normally charge if children are transported in a minibus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we may at a later date review this through the Governing Body and if charges are made it will only be to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

8   Monitoring and review

8.1   This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every three years, or earlier if necessary.

Signed:

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