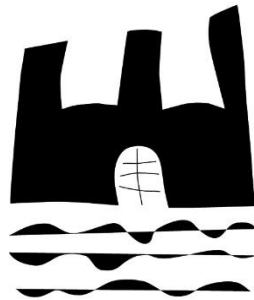


# YGG Castell-nedd



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## Whole School Policy – Charging

The Governing Body of YGG Castell-nedd  
formally adopted this policy on: \_\_\_\_\_ 28.11.22 \_\_\_\_\_

To be reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Governors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

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 3, 32 (CRC)

### **Introduction**

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### **Voluntary contributions**

When organising educational visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel a visit. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

However, as school budgets come under increasing pressure we ask kindly that as far as possible you support the events/activities. The school will always put measures in place to assist families whenever necessary i.e. monthly payments etc.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss these issues.

The following is a list of additional enriching activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities

This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school educational visits;
- musical events

### **Residential visits**

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 charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses.

### **Music tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum however in Year 3 all children receive instrument lessons for free.

Instrument lessons after Year 3 are charged for and parents are requested to pay termly at the start of every term. Once children have started their lesson there is an expectation that a terms notice be given and charged for to ensure that the tutor can fill the space and cover costs.

The costs are kept to a minimum in accordance with charges from the LA.

### **Swimming/Gymnastics**

The school organises swimming lessons for several classes throughout the year. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place. We do not currently ask parents for a contribution towards cost of the lessons.

### **Costs for Bus Rental.**

A charge is made for the rental of buses when the activity is beyond the National Curriculum. Every effort is made to seek best value and to keep these costs as low as possible.

### **Charges for Room Rental**

The Governing Body will consider individual applications to rent a room at YGG Castell-nedd in line with the Local Authority recommendations including charges.

The GB have agreed an hourly charge for any profit making business that directly benefits the children or parents of Castell-nedd.

Applications for rental that do not provide for the children/parents for the school will be considered on an individual basis and be charged accordingly.

These costs go towards the cost of the cleaning, maintenance, damage, electricity, staffing etc.

All lettings are subject to health and safety guidelines as set out by Neath Port Talbot.

### **Poverty and Deprivation Grant Funding (PDG Grant)**

The Headteacher has the discretion to utilise the PDG grant to ensure that there is equal opportunity for all children. The Headteacher will also ensure that all families have an opportunity to pay over an agreed and reasonable time period whenever necessary.

Date Policy agreed by GB  
Reviewed 2019-20 / 21-22