



Policy:	Charging Policy
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Magor CIW Primary Charging Policy

Ethos Statement

Church in Wales schools are designated through the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) as having a religious character.

The following ethos statement has been adopted in all Church-in-Wales schools:

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church in Wales and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

1 Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to set out what charges can and cannot be made for activities in Magor CIW Primary School. The policy has been drawn up in accordance with Sections 449-462 of The Education Act 1996. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the Curriculum.

2 Rationale

School trips, visits and activities such as cooking enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children. The school may invite parents to contribute to the cost of these activities. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support them. Parents have the right to know how each is funded; the school will provide this information on request.

3 Aims

- to make parents aware of the circumstances in which the school will charge parents or ask for a voluntary contribution;
- to make clear circumstances in which the school will wholly or partially waive a charges and how to apply for remission.

Procedure

Circumstances where no charge is made	The school does not charge for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ an admission application or admission for children of compulsory school age;▪ education provided wholly or mainly during school hours;▪ the supply of books, materials, instruments or other equipment;▪ activities which form part of the Curriculum or the Church in Wales Religious Education Syllabus;▪ Transport of registered pupils to from school or other premises, where the local authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport;▪ Supply teachers to cover teachers who are accompanying pupils on a residential visit;▪ Statutory tests undertaken as outlined by the Welsh Government
Circumstance where a voluntary contribution may be requested	<u>All contributions are voluntary.</u> The school may ask for voluntary contributions for activities which supplement the normal school curriculum. If sufficient contributions are not received the activity may be cancelled. If an activity goes ahead it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. The school treats all children equally, regardless of whether a contribution has been made or not.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport provided in connection with an educational visit which is part of the Curriculum; ▪ Entrance costs to activities as determined by the setting; ▪ Materials used in practical activities where pupils keep the finished product e.g ingredients for cooking. ▪ Repair or replacement of school property or equipment damaged as a result of a pupil's behaviour.
Residential Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The school does not make any charge for education or expenses incurred for residential visits which provide education related to the Curriculum; ▪ Charges are made to cover the costs of board and lodging; ▪ Special provision may be made for parents who receive specific state benefits.
Music Tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We do not charge for music studied by all children as part of the Curriculum; ▪ A charge is made for individual or group tuition if it is not part of the Curriculum e.g. individual or group tuition by peripatetic music teachers; ▪ Parents in receipt of specific state benefits may be exempt from payment; ▪ Payments are made per term.
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The school makes no charge for swimming lessons for Year 2 – Year 6 as these form part of the National Curriculum; ▪ A nominal charge is made for transport.
Extra Curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In some instances, qualified coaches run and organize additional activities after school. They may make a charge for these sessions.
Remissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the cost of an activity will cause financial hardship, please contact the school. Please contact the school for a list of qualifying state benefits.
Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy	Annually the effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed, or when the need arises, and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be made to the governors.