

# Gilwern

Primary School



## CHARGING POLICY

## **Nurture, Empower, Achieve**

### **School Vision**

- ◆ Gilwern School creates a happy, secure and stimulating environment, where learners are encouraged to reach their full potential.
- ◆ The school works collaboratively with others to develop the four purposes of education, providing exciting authentic learning experiences.
- ◆ All staff are committed to develop learners' English and Welsh literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills through a meaningful broad and balanced curriculum to enhance their life chances.

### **We are a Rights Respecting School**

In 1991 our Government signed up to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). In signing the Convention, the 54 articles laid down have become enshrined in UK law. The Convention applies to everyone.

At Gilwern Primary School we aim to work within the spirit as well as the letter of the convention and our school policies are based around these rights and responsibilities. At Gilwern Primary School we work together so that the rights of the child are ensured and their responsibilities are clear.

## **Gilwern Primary School Charging Policy**

### **1 Introduction**

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

### **2 Voluntary contributions**

- 2.1** When organising 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.
- 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 have a right to know how each trip is funded. 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. 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;
  - school trips abroad;
  - music events.

### **3 Residential visits**

- 3.1** If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly 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 make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits are charged at a reduced rate.

### **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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. This is administered via Gwent Music Support Service. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents

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information about additional music tuition at the end of each academic year for the next academic years.

### **5 Transport**

- 5.1** We normally charge children if they are transported by bus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.