

St David's Church in Wales Primary School



Charging & Remissions Policy

The school's educational provision and most of the activities organised by the school are financed via funds received from the Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council.

There are, however, some additional valuable educational experiences that cannot be provided by the school without financial support from parents.

Participation in any **optional extra** activity will be on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet the charges. Parental agreement is therefore a necessary pre-requisite for the provision of an optional extra where charges will be made.

St David's will only request charges from parents for:

- activities (not part of the National Curriculum) that are provided wholly or mainly outside school hours, as long as these activities are optional extras;
- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him to own them;
- materials used in school to make products to take home – ie cooking ingredients or materials needed for a technology lesson
- peripatetic instrumental tuition (offered in addition to the statutory music curriculum) for individual pupils (or in groups of up to four, divided equally by the number of pupils participating)
- board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit.

In each case, this charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity and the Headteacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, can make remission or secure bursaries in any of the above areas.

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals are exempt from paying for board & lodging. This applies to parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £15,575 (Financial Year 2008/09);
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit; and
- an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.

No charges are made for school trips, visits or activities which enrich the curriculum but occur during school time. However, these are not possible without donations from parents. Parents should not feel pressurised into paying, as contributions are voluntary and **not compulsory**. No child would be excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient contributions are received, the school would obviously have to cancel such activities.

The school will always strive to ensure that any funding requests are made in time to give parents the opportunity to spread the cost.

In addition to these trips and activities, the school does hold fundraising events for local charities, national events and global links. These are usually in the form of sponsored activities or special event days. Fundraising events may also be held for the school such as social gatherings for both parents and pupils and curriculum focussed events. In both of these cases, parents' contributions are always welcomed, but not requested and the children take part in all activities.