Ysgol Awel y Môr

Charging Policy

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C Foulkes - Headteacher	Summer 2026		Autumn 2029

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1.0	June 2026	Catrin Foulkes Headteacher	Initial policy creation	Temporary Governing Body	Autumn 2029
1.1					
1.2					
2.0					
2.1					

Policy status
Statutory with three yearly review.

Consultation
This policy was established and reviewed by all school staff in consultation with the Governing Body.

Purpose
- We believe it is essential to recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, educational visits and residential experiences, can make towards learners personal and social education.
- The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the learners of the school and as additional activities.
- Any activity which takes place mainly during school hours or is an essential part of the curriculum will be provided free of charge.
- Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for learners.

Implementation

Voluntary Contributions
- All learners in the designated classes or groups will participate in such activities.
- No learner will be excluded or treated differently if his/her parents are unable to make a contribution.
- If insufficient contributions are pledged then the activity might not take place.

Residential Visits
- A charge may be levied for board and lodging on residential visits.
- Where charges are made for a residential visit which takes place during school hours, complete remission of board and lodging charges will be provided for learners whose parents are in receipt of Income Support etc. Parents will be informed of this each time learners are invited to take part in a residential visit.

Optional Extras Inside and Outside School Hours
- Charges may be levied for optional extras outside school hours.
- Charges will not exceed the actual cost of the individual learners' participation. This 'cost' can include insurance and accounting costs.
- Fruit and snack fund of £1 per week is donated by parents of Infant learners. for daily snack mid-morning. Paid via ParentPay.
- Some visitors into school, e.g. theatre groups, music groups, again aimed at enhancing
- aspects of the children's learning and experiences across the curriculum.
- The cost of tickets to certain events, e.g.: Christmas Show, PTA events, etc. Money raised is used to purchase items within the School Improvement Plan.

Individual Music Provision
- Musical tuition is provided for a range of instruments via the Local Authority. Charges for this are also payable directly to the Local Authority.

Charges for Materials
- Where parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own a finished product a charge may be made for ingredients or materials.
- Parents are expected to provide school uniform, swimming and PE kit.
- No learner or parent is required to pay for, or supply, any materials, books, instruments, or other equipment in connection with the school activity unless it is an optional extra.

Travel expenses

- Learners maybe asked to contribute towards the costs of travelling to and from activities located outside Ysgol Awel y Môr.
- Parents will be notified of any travel expenses prior to the date of travel.

Breakages, Damage or Loss

- Parents may be asked to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is the result of a learner's behaviour.
- Parents may be charged £5 for any lost or damaged school reading books.