



*Together We Soar to Success*

## **Charging Policy**

### **The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child:**

- Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

This policy will be reviewed every year, earlier if necessary

Headteacher:

Mrs Leanne Brown

Date: March 2026

Chair of the Governing Body:

Ceri Llewelyn

Date: March 2026

### **Ratification of this policy**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair of the Governing Body)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE REVIEWED: March 2026**

**AGREED BY GOVERNORS: March 2026**

**REVIEW DATES:**

- **November 2022**
- **November 2023**
- **June 2024**
- **March 2025**
- **March 2026**

## **Introduction**

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

## **Voluntary contributions**

The school budget cannot cover all the costs of educational visits so we request that parents make a voluntary contribution. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to 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.

Parents are always informed of the amount of contribution required. Every effort is made to keep the costs of visits to a minimum.

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 can allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit or the 'Friends of Ogmores Vale Primary' will be approached to help.

## **Residential course**

If the school organises a residential course during school time or mainly during school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we make a charge. The amount will cover the cost of board, lodge, course fee and travel expenses. Sometimes part of the costs may be sponsored by the school or by the 'Friends of Ogmores Vale Primary'.

## **School Books**

Many school resources, such as reading books, are expensive and the school must ensure that it does all it can to look after and value its resources. We ask that parents encourage their children to take care of any school resources that they borrow. The school may ask parents to pay for school books / resources that become lost or damaged, in order that they may be replaced.

This policy will be reviewed in light of any changes in statutory obligation or as necessary with any changes in school circumstances that may directly influence this policy.