CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY FOR 2025/26 ACTIVITIES

- The Education Act 1988 sets out rules on charges that can be levied in relation to education and educational activities. Generally, the policy on charges and contributions is to charge where possible and also invite voluntary contributions where possible.

- We do not charge for education during school hours, nor for education outside school hours where that education is required as part of the syllabus for an external examination. Voluntary contributions can be requested in the examples set out below, but we have no right to insist that parents pay, and we cannot exclude any pupils for not contributing.

- A charge can be levied for activities outside school hours that do not specifically involve work to prepare for examinations.

- An activity is considered to occur during school hours if 50% or more of the time taken (including travelling) occurs during school hours. Otherwise, it is considered to be outside school hours.

ACTIVITIES WHERE A CHARGE CAN BE LEVIED

1. Activities outside school hours that are not part of the course leading to an external examination

2. Food and accommodation for residential courses of any kind; and to pay for supply teachers to cover teachers who are on residential courses.

3. Material and ingredients for practical subjects, such as Nutritional Wellbeing and Technology, where parents have expressed a wish to keep the finished products.

4. Repair costs (including renovation costs where relevant) for damage caused through intentional misconduct by a pupil.

The charge must reflect the true cost

ACTIVITIES WHERE NO CHARGE MAY BE LEVIED BUT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE REQUESTED

1. Excursions during school hours*

2. Activities outside school hours that are part of the course leading to an external examination*

3. Residential courses during school hours related to a course leading to an external examination*

4. Materials, ingredients and equipment required for practical subjects

*More than the true cost can be requested (approx. 10%) in order to ensure that the activities can go ahead and that every child can attend including those who have not contributed.

POLICY ON PAYING FOR INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL TUITION

Parents will pay a sum of money for specialist musical tuition on the school site provided by *Academi De Cymru*. This will be an agreement between parents and the *Academi*.

The *Academi* may take into account parents individual circumstances e.g. FSM pupils, when deciding upon fees.

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