

Arthog Opportunities Fund April 2021 to March 2022

(Prior to April 2020 the Remission Places Scheme)

The Arthog Opportunities Fund is provided by Telford and Wrekin Council to give financial support to children and young people across the Borough to enable access to the benefits of the Arthog residential outdoor education provision.

Throughout ongoing financial challenges, including those caused by the Coronavirus restrictions, the Council remains committed to sustaining value for money and an accessible Outdoor Education Service. This is in contrast to the continued national trend that has seen Outdoor Education being outsourced, discontinued or scaled back despite its recognised benefits. In addition the Council is continuing to invest into the Centre facilities and educational resources in a progressive improvement plan.

As one of only a few councils nationally who still offer any remissions scheme, T&WC feel it is essential to work in partnership with schools and provide funding to supplement schools' Pupil Premium Grant funding in order to enable children from low income households to have the opportunity to benefit from these services. Remission places were replaced by the Arthog Opportunities Fund in January 2020 to ensure a fairer, more flexible and financially sustainable approach.

- The Arthog Opportunity Fund is now allocated on schools' Free School Meal numbers, for all T&W children and young people in both maintained schools and academies.
- Each school's Fund is calculated on a formula based on the ratio of numbers on role to Free School Meal numbers to give the discount.
- T&W schools will receive their allocation from the Arthog Opportunity Fund in the form of a discount off their booking and this will be shown on the course invoice.
- Schools will have flexibility over how they use their Arthog Opportunity Fund allocation to best meet the needs of their children/young people and the extent to which they supplement this with Pupil Premium Grant/other sources of funding;
- The Arthog Opportunities Fund can be used on any length of course, and at any time of year including weekends and school holidays taking place 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
- To confirm your discount please check direct with Arthog OEC via info@arthog.co.uk or call 01341 250455
- The Arthog Opportunities Fund April 2022 to March 23 will be published Jan 2022 with the annual booking round.

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