



Families Support Fund Policy & Criteria

Policy (2019-20)

Any parents with a child in the school in August 2019 will be entitled to apply to the Families Support Fund subject to the criteria set out below.

The intention of the Fund is to provide financial support for pupils who have been in the school for some time, but who otherwise may have to consider leaving the school for financial reasons.

The funding of the scheme comes from part of the school fees paid by other parents within the school community. For the school session commencing in August 2019 the Trustees will allocate 1% of fees received to fund the Families Support Fund. It is anticipated this will raise around £19,027 for the Fund in the year 2019-20.

The annual sum in the Fund is finite and when it is fully used then the funds will be exhausted until the next school session.

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Applications are sought by means of a letter to the School Bursar for a grant from the Families Support Fund as follows:

1. The child must already be educated in the school. A grant is not available for children who have yet to come to the school.
2. The child must be in Class 2 to Class 12 inclusive and have completed at least one year of education in school. Applications in respect of children in the Kindergarten will not be considered.
3. Applications will be considered for all parents in the school whether in receipt of a Bursary or not.
4. Any grant given will be for one school session only. Subsequent applications for the same child will be considered, but will be subject to annual reapplication.
5. Any grants from the Families Support Fund will be given at the discretion of the Trustees who will also determine the level of any grant.
6. In making a grant the Trustees will pay attention to any recommendations made by the school's Management Group. Before considering a grant the Trustees will want to know from the school's Management Group that a pupil has demonstratively benefited from the education in the school and has actively contributed to the social cohesion of the class.
7. Grants will only be given when:
 - a. The Bursar is in receipt of full financial information;
 - b. When a meeting has been held with the Bursar and;
 - c. When all other avenues for funding have been explored and exhausted.

All enquiries and applications (in writing) to:

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