



# Beaconhurst School

## FINANCIAL POLICIES

### **School Fees**

There is a range of options for the payment of fees, with many families enjoying the convenience of monthly Direct Debit. Remissions may be available for families of three or more and in the Junior and Senior Schools there may also be opportunities for bursary support. The School will consider offering financial help to existing families who experience an adverse change in their circumstances.

### **Scholarships and bursaries**

The following information seeks to address some of the more common questions asked by parents of current and prospective pupils with regard to scholarships and bursaries and will provide some assistance to parents considering submitting an application for their child.

A range of factors is considered in making the awards and there are no hard and fast rules. The number and level of bursaries and scholarships offered will vary each year.

### **Scholarships**

Awards are available to both existing pupils and new applicants.

At Beaconhurst a small number of academic scholarship places are offered for pupils joining Senior 1 and Senior 5. A one off payment is made in recognition of a Scholarship, which is deductible from the Autumn Term's fees.

Examinations are held in March of the year prior to admission and there are three criteria for the awards:

- Academic ability/potential
- Effort
- Contribution to general life of the school

Awards will be subject to annual review by the Headmaster to ensure that high standards are being maintained.

Parents will normally be notified in writing of the outcome of the exams within seven days.

### **Bursaries**

Awards are related to the financial assistance to be offered to children who would not otherwise be able to meet the costs of independent education. Means tested bursaries are available on a sliding scale and may be up to a maximum of 100% of tuition fee remission. In the main these are awarded on the basis of all-round contribution and educational benefit, although in certain instances consideration will be given to special cases where there are exceptional family circumstances.



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In all cases the level of bursary is determined by the extent of financial need and therefore applicants are required to complete an application form which provides details of their income and capital. Where the information provided indicates, in the view of the Bursar, that there is no financial need, no bursary will be granted.

Beaconhurst does not have an endowment fund which means that all financial assistance is subsidised from income. Bursaries are normally awarded on the basis that assistance will be required for as long as the child remains at Beaconhurst. However, some awards may be granted for one year and then be subject to review. This often applies where a family has experienced a temporary change in their financial circumstances which threatens the continuation of the child in the School.

In all cases awards are conditional upon the pupil making reasonable academic progress and maintaining good standards of behaviour and attendance. It may be withdrawn in the event of consistent breach of school rules or serious misconduct.

Where the financial position of the family changes the School expects the Bursar to be notified and this may lead to a review of the amount of the bursary being granted. From time to time parents of children receiving bursaries will be requested to complete a Declaration of Income to ensure there has been no significant change in their financial position.

The bursary will be deducted from the tuition fees and is shown on the fee note sent out by the Bursar. No actual payment is made to the parent.

## *Who can apply?*

Awards are available to both existing pupils and new applicants. The main point at which bursaries are awarded is at entry to Transition in the Senior School, and in such cases the award will continue through to the completion of the recipient's education in Senior School.

A bursary may be granted at other stages in the school but these are determined by the availability of any bursary funds remaining at the time.

Wherever possible application forms in respect of bursaries should be returned to the Bursar's office by the end of December prior to the school session for which the bursary is sought.

Parents will normally be notified in writing of the outcome of their application by early March. They should then advise the School if they wish to take up the place and bursary within two weeks of receiving the offer. With regard to existing pupils, if as a result of a failure to receive support parents may have to withdraw their child at the end of the academic session, it is important to notify the Headmaster promptly as standard notification of withdrawal terms will apply.



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## **Other sources of bursary assistance**

There are a number of educational and charitable trusts which provide assistance with tuition fees. In the majority of cases these are to assist children who are already attending a fee-paying school and due to a change in financial circumstances may be unable to remain. The trusts tend to be reluctant to commit funds for more than one or two years and therefore will be unlikely to consider pupils in Junior School or at the lower end of the Senior School.

Further information on how to pursue such assistance may be obtained from:

The Bursar, Beaconhurst School, 52 Kenilworth Road, Bridge of Allan FK9 4RR

E-mail: [bursar@beaconhurst.stirling.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@beaconhurst.stirling.sch.uk)

Telephone : 01786-832146

Scottish Council of Independent Schools, 21 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE

E-mail: [info@scis.org.uk](mailto:info@scis.org.uk)

Telephone: 0131-220-2106

The Joint Education Trust, 6 Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8DT

E-mail: [admin@jetcharity.org](mailto:admin@jetcharity.org)

Telephone: 020-7283-3445

A useful website for finding charitable trusts is [www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk). Alternatively, the Funderfinder database is available in most public libraries.