



WESTONBIRT — SCHOOL —

Bursary Guidelines for new pupils

Westonbirt Schools seek to provide financial assistance to families where it is felt that a particular child would benefit from the type of education Westonbirt provides and where there is a proven genuine need. All bursary applications are means-tested for eligibility and assessed by a panel including the Finance Director and Head.

Bursaries are rarely provided for children to attend the prep school but applications will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Bursaries are means tested. In addition to an evidenced financial need, the school's criteria for awarding bursaries are:

- (a) to meet the needs of families facing particularly difficult circumstances (e.g., caused by an unexpected bereavement);
- (b) to enable boys and girls who are very able, or with a particular talent, to benefit from what Westonbirt has to offer;
- (c) to widen the social spectrum benefiting from an independent education.

If you believe you require a bursary in order for your son or daughter to attend Westonbirt this should be discussed with the Admissions team prior to registration.

The school has no wealthy endowment so there are restrictions on the number and size of bursaries available. The school reserves the right to vary the value and number of bursaries according to the strength of applications and the number of bursary holders already within the school. Not all who are financially eligible will be offered bursaries because demand for bursarial assistance is usually greater than the funds available.

Bursaries applications for up to 100% of day fees will be considered in exceptional circumstances. As a guide, bursaries awarded are usually for a value of between 10% and 40% of day fees.

All bursary applications require completion of a statement of earnings and assets.

Bursaries apply to day fees only unless specifically agreed at the time of the award.

Bursaries are reviewable annually and will be amended downwards if the financial circumstances of the family materially improve. Under normal circumstances we would not amend upwards.

Families are encouraged to apply for financial assistance from Charities / Trusts that exist for this purpose. We can provide details of some of these if required but we cannot be involved in the application process.

Applications should be submitted to the admissions team. On receipt applications will be reviewed by the Finance Director, any applications that do not meet the criteria to be put forward for panel review will be notified within 3 weeks. Those put forward will be processed in line with the dates below.



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Dates for September 2024 entry

Application to be received by	Panel sitting	Decision communicated before
30 th September 2023	20 th October 2023	31 st October 2023
31 st December 2023	19 th January 2024	31 st January 2024
31 st March 2024	12 th April 2024	30 th April 2024

Dates for September 2025 entry

Application to be received by	Panel sitting	Decision communicated before
30 th September 2024	18 th October 2024	31 st October 2024
31 st December 2024	17 th January 2025	31 st January 2025
31 st March 2025	13 th April 2025	30 th April 2025

Bursary Guidelines for existing pupils

Families unexpectedly encountering a change in circumstances during a child's school career may apply for a bursary. The nature of what has happened (and the bursarial money available) will determine the school's response. Normally the School will try to assist if the pupil is mid-way through externally examined courses, or if there are strong pastoral reasons arising from the change in circumstances as to why the family should be supported.

In these circumstances' applications will be reviewed as received, with an expected response time of up to 3 weeks. It is likely that during this period the Finance Director will make contact to discuss your application.

Application forms can be requested from finance@westonbirt.org and should be returned to the same address or hand delivered for the attention of the Finance Director.