

Fee Support

In further recognition of the significant financial commitment undertaken by parents the school itself provides numerous financial contributions to assist with the payment of fees.

- a) **The King's Hospital Charter Bursary** – offers significant additional support to boarding pupils who are in receipt of an SEC Grant with an automatic top-up to the SEC Grant (on a sliding scale). The Bursary is reviewed regularly to ensure broadest support for pupils who wish to attend as boarders.
- b) **Entrance Bursaries** – Two bursaries are offered per annum and are carried forward for the duration of studies in the School. Applications are made at the time of the offer of a place and are available to Day pupils only.
- c) **Governors' Bursary Funds** – are available on a discretionary basis, within the limits of available funds, to help families who are experiencing temporary difficulties in fulfilling their financial obligations with regard to their children's fees.
- d) **The King's Hospital Past Pupils' Union Bursary Fund** – was founded particularly to offer support to families whose children are currently attending the school and who may be experiencing temporary financial difficulties.
- e) **Paterson Bursaries** – offered to one or more girls per annum and are carried forward for the duration of studies in the School. These are awarded at entrance on the basis of serious parental need. The same application procedure applies as for the Entrance Bursary.
- f) **Children of Clergy of the Church of Ireland (Canon Gibson Bursary)** – offered to children of Church of Ireland clergy who automatically qualify for a discount which approximates to 33.3% of fees.
- g) **Scholarships** – are awarded annually on the results of the scholarship and entrance examination and are carried forward for the duration of studies in the School.
- h) **Family Discounts** – offered to families where there are two children of the same family concurrently at the school. The second child will qualify for a discount of 5% on the basic yearly fee. A third or fourth child will qualify for a discount of 10% on the basic yearly fee.
- i) **Yearly Fees in Advance Discount** – is offered to families where payment of the full yearly basic school fee is received before the first day of term in August.
- j) **Capital Fees in Advance Discount** – is offered to families where payment is received of a number of full year's fees in advance.

There are also other sources which may provide assistance with school fees. These include:

a) **Secondary Education Grants**

Families domiciled in the Republic of Ireland, where a child is a member of a Protestant denomination, may qualify for a means-tested grant, which will be paid directly to the school. The size of the grant varies according to means. Application is normally made not later than February in any year for the school year commencing the following September. In the case of new parents the school will send out the online registration details when they become available from the SEC in October each year. All queries regarding the application should be addressed to the SEC Office.

While parents are asked to make a full disclosure of their financial circumstances, this is confidential to the Grants Committee only. No other person has access to, or sees, this information. A fresh application must be made every year.

b) Local Grant Bodies

There are a number of Trust Funds which may also provide assistance with school fees. For example, Protestant Aid, Kirwan House, Presbytery of Munster, POS Education Fund, etc. Each of these associations will have their own set of criteria and parents should liaise with these associations directly in relation to applying for assistance.

Whilst the above details the considerable assistance available to parents from both the school and outside sources the responsibility for the payment of fees ultimately lies with the parents. The school expects all parents to contribute to the fee obligations of their children.

The request for assistance from The King's Hospital or outside sources does not negate the responsibility of parents to ensure all fee obligations are met when due.

We encourage parents seeking additional assistance from outside sources with payment of their fees to ensure their application is completed in full and returned to the appropriate association in a timely manner. This is to ensure that they have the best possible opportunity of receiving the assistance available to them.

Important Information on School Assistance with Fees

Under exceptional circumstances, the provision of a 'Governor's' or 'The King's Hospital Past Pupil's Union' bursary and/or alternative payment arrangements may be agreed for families experiencing temporary financial difficulties. All such requests are treated in the strictest confidence.

Anyone wishing to apply for a 'Governor's' or 'The King's Hospital Past Pupil's Union' bursary should complete the 'school bursary' form (available from Mrs Carly Lynch, Finance Department on request). The awarding of a 'Governor's' or 'The King's Hospital Past Pupil's Union' bursary is subject to the limits of available funds and does not confer the right of the continuation of this bursary in following year(s).

1. All bursaries and scholarships awarded are contingent on the balance of school fees being paid in full as they fall due.
2. The School reserves the right to rescind any assistance provided if school fees are not paid as due and it is deemed inadequate co-operation has been received from the parents in fulfilling their financial obligations.

Alternative payment arrangements are only valid when discussed and agreed with the Finance Department and written confirmation of the amended payment schedule and terms have been received. The onus is on parents to ensure the Finance Department is made aware of the requirement for an alternative arrangement as quickly as possible. All alternative payment arrangements for the academic year 2018/2019 must be in place by 15th August 2018.

Further information regarding the above can be obtained from Mrs Carly Lynch, Finance Department on request.

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N.B. The above information is provided merely as a guide to parent's on the possible options available to them with respect to assistance in payment of school fees. None of the above information is guaranteed. The information is provided on the express understanding that the school accepts no liability in respect of its contents.