

## Fees

### How much would it cost to send my child(ren) to The River School?

We do not want families to be prevented from sending their children to The River School purely because of family finances. We have tried to establish a just system where families pay what they can, based on a minimum figure, up to a figure which is still modest by independent school standards.

### We aim to keep our costs to a minimum in several ways:

- Staff give their services voluntarily, or are paid a salary considerably less than they could expect to receive elsewhere.
- We invite parents and friends to help according to their skills and availability.
- We rely on parental giving and other gifts, both in money and in kind, and try to be 'good stewards' of all that we are given.

As a result, the full fee for the academic year 2011-2012 will be either £395 (Senior School) or £375 (Lower School) per month for the first child, and £355.50 (Senior School) or £337.50 (Lower School) for subsequent siblings, paid by standing order on the first day of each month, September to August. For families who would not be able to meet this, we can consider applications to pay a reduced fee, and operate a 'sliding scale' for reducing fees according to income and the number of children in the school. In addition to this, we operate a Bursary Fund whereby gifts of money can be allocated to pupils whose circumstances require it, according to availability.

The annual fee is split into 12 monthly instalments.

### Fees for The Brook School (Nursery and Infant Classes)

#### Ages Group

Three and four year olds (Nursery)

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The government Nursery Voucher Scheme covers up to 15 hours per week. We charge £3.35 per hour for any additional time you wish your child to attend Nursery

Reception Class

Vouchers continue to be valid for morning sessions until the end of the term in which a child becomes 5 years old. During this time, afternoon sessions are charged on a monthly basis e.g. the fee for a child attending one afternoon session per week will be £18.75 per month. Parents then pay 50% of the full fee for the rest of the year.

Class One

Parents pay 75% of the full fee

Class Two and Onwards

Parents pay full fee.