



Dear Parents and Carers

ANNUAL FEE INCREASE FOR 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Governing Body of Westbourne School has met to consider and approve the increase to School fees for the 2024/2025 academic year.

This letter, therefore, serves to afford our parental community a full term's notice of the school fee changes applicable to the 2024/2025 academic year.

The School continues to provide what we believe is the best education for life. It does this by having some of the smallest class sizes in the city, from Reception to Year 11, and by being committed to all our pupils being the best they can be, in all that they do at our School.

The Governing Body is acutely aware of our duty to consider the cost of educational provision at Westbourne School and to ensure that it offers the best possible return on your investment in your child's future. We also recognise that there is an expectation for further investment and development of our facilities and offering and also that we will continue to attract and retain high-performing staff.

This year, we have continued to see the price of the services and materials that we buy increase, CPI has been over 6% and RPI over 8% for half of the last 12 months, and the inflation rate for food has been c10% and interest rates have been at a 16-year high, since the start of the 23/24 academic year.

The Governing Body, the Head (and our new Head), the SLT and all our staff are steadfast in their commitment to preserve what makes Westbourne all that it is, whilst working to further improve what is already an excellent educational, enrichment and pastoral provision across the school. It is in this context that the Governing Body has taken the decision to implement a fee increase that will meet only a proportion of this increase in costs, whilst we work to ensure that the school's cost base is managed appropriately to deliver on our strategy and our commitments to our pupils and parents to provide the very best opportunities that Westbourne can offer.

As I am sure you are aware, the Labour Party has confirmed its intention to implement a policy to remove the exemption from VAT on independent school fees. Whilst the details of this proposal are yet to be confirmed, I would like to assure you that the Governing Body fully appreciates the nature of the challenge that this will pose for some families in the Westbourne community. The Governing Body is intent on exploring ways to absorb some of the impact of this policy and/or support those who face genuine hardship owing to its implementation.

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The Governing Body has thus approved the annual fee increase for 2024/2025 as detailed in the attached schedule.

Westbourne School is a registered charity, which means that any surplus that we generate can only be reinvested into our School. Over the last year, we have invested some of that surplus in our educational provision, infrastructure, technology and in improvements across our estate. We have implemented some elements of the Westbourne Vision, not least the Westbourne Middle School, whilst the delivery of other improvements will be something that our new Head, Aidan Edmanson, will be getting to grips with when he joins us in September 2024.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we thank you, our families, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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WESTBOURNE SCHOOL FEES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Year	Termly Fee
Reception	£3,700
Y1 - Y2	£3,985
Y3 - Y6	£4,665
Y7	£5,500
Y8 - Y11	£5,645

A third child will receive a discount of 20%.

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Although paid termly, fees are calculated on an annual basis. No reduction is therefore applicable during terms when there is less teaching because students are revising for, or taking, public examinations. Enquiries regarding the payment of fees on a monthly basis should be made to the Bursar.

The school requires a full term's notice if parents decide to remove their child from the school for any reason, failing which a term's fees in lieu of notice will be payable. This is in accordance with the arrangements set out in the terms and conditions between the parents and the school.

1. After School Club will be charged at £5.00 per hour (charged in 30-minute sessions).
2. Breakfast Club from 7-30am to 8-30am (including breakfast) will be charged at £5.00 per session.
3. School minibus transport to/from school will be charged at £3.50 for a one-way and £6 for a two-way journey.
4. One-to-one SEN support will be charged at £45 per 45-minute session.