



The
Henrietta Barnett
School

Financial Assistance Policy

1. Rationale:

At The Henrietta Barnett School we are extremely proud of the diverse range of backgrounds our students come from whether this diversity is through cultural, social, religious or economic means. We place a high value on the provision and quality of our extra-curricular activities, both in terms of enrichment programmes, which run each term, and residential trips. We believe that all our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra-curricular) independent of their parent's financial means.

There are three routes by which parents and carers may access financial assistance from the School for their daughters.

- i. Free School Meals and Pupil Premium
- ii. School Hardship Fund
- iii. 16-19 Bursaries

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Financial Assistance Declaration Form, 16-19 Bursary Application Process and Hardship Fund Application Form, all of which are available from the School Office and on the School's website.

2. Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Students whose parents/carers receive any of the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals subsidy:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

Those who are entitled to free school meals may also, up to the maximum Pupil Premium allocation for each student, be entitled to apply for a subsidy for any of the following:

- Some types of enrichment activities
- Theatre trips that take place during the school day
- Biology/Geography Field trips
- Year Group residential trips
- Some extra-curricular provision

If the School is able to provide subsidy, parents/carers may be asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip or activity.

3. School Hardship Fund

Students at the School can apply to the hardship fund, The Louisa Fund. Information about this fund and the Hardship Fund Application Process document are available on the School Website. Parents are invited to contact the Junior Deputy Head or the School Business Manager for further information.

4. 16-19 Bursaries

Students in the Sixth Form may be eligible to apply to the School for the 16-19 Bursary. Please see the 16-19 Bursary Application Process for further information (which can be obtained via the School Office and on the School's Website).

5. Applications for Financial Assistance

Applications for financial assistance will be considered by the School Business Manager. Evidence will be requested and checked to prove that the criteria are met. Applicants will receive a written response.

Monitoring and Review: This policy will be reviewed every 2 years by the School Business Manager.

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