



BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

March 2021

Dear Parents,

Covid-19 fee remission

As I write to you, pupils are back in school but this has clearly not been the case for much of the Lent Term. The school billed full fees for the term in mid-December and lockdown was announced too late to make any change to invoices that had already been sent. I thank the vast majority of you who paid in full and on time at the beginning of term.

I want to set out now the approach we will take to offering a remission in fees for the Summer Term, to reflect the fact that learning had to operate remotely until March 8th. The school has made some savings as a result of reduced establishment costs (food, light/heat) and the furlough of support staff. Teaching staff salaries, which form the majority of the school's costs, have of course been paid as normal.

Obviously, there has been no boarding provision for nearly two months of this term and we will therefore credit the boarding fee for each boarder *pro rata* to the number of weeks of term where there has been no boarding. We expect there to be some savings in excess of the boarding credit, although will not know the amount for certain until nearer the end of term. We plan to share these savings with all parents by way of credit against next term's fees when invoices are raised at the end of this term. This will be in the form of a discount *pro rata* to the total fee for each child (net of boarding fees and any applicable reductions (sibling etc)).

Old Beestonians' Association (OB's)

Although the school's communications with Old Beestonians were established in the 1960s following a hockey match organised by Martin Swindells, the school's second Headmaster, all costs of alumni contact and events have up to now been met out of the school's general funds. This is not transparent, and the recent establishment of the Beeston Foundation means that this is a good time to separate the funding of alumni relations from the general school budget.

Therefore, from September, a small amount per pupil (initially £10) will be transferred from the fees, each term to an OB account which will fund all OB liaison and activities. This will effectively buy life membership of the OB's for all Beestonians and will be reflected in the annual accounts of the school. As the school has been paying for all alumni relations to date anyway (and hence all who will have left Beeston by this summer will already be OB life members), it will not have any noticeable impact on fee levels, but it will properly separate school and OB's finances.

Fee levels in future will therefore be termed 'Fees including OB's subscription'.

Fees for Michaelmas Term 2021

I trust you will agree that despite all that has been thrown at us by the Covid-19 restrictions, the school has managed to provide an online learning provision of the highest quality. The Board of Governors regret the school has been unable to offer all the add-ons like sport and drama that are so much the life of Beeston Hall, but the law has dictated that we simply could not.

Having no boarding, and no overseas pupils for much of this last year has squeezed the finances somewhat, but I write to reassure parents that the balance sheet is very much in positive territory and has been considerably strengthened by the sale, on 25th February, of the two empty and unused cottages at the bottom of our exit driveway. You will remember that toward the end of Lockdown 1 last spring, in my video message, I indicated that the Governors were considering this sale.

In the full expectation that in September we will return to “normal” education, the Board of Governors has fixed fees for the Michaelmas term at:-

BOARDERS	£8,990) Fees are fully inclusive and there are
DAY PUPILS	£6,690) no compulsory extras.

YEAR 3 BOARDERS	£6,930
YEAR 3 DAY PUPILS	£4,590

PRE-PREP.	£3,340
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Flexi-Boarding	£50 per night
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(Flexi-boarding is a minimum of two consecutive nights each week).

If two or more children are at the School at the same time, sibling discounts apply as follows:

2nd child – 5%;	3rd child – 10%;	4th (or subsequent) child - 15%
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These discounts apply to each child throughout their time, provided all older siblings stay to the end of Year 8.

Please, a reminder:

1. A term's notice of withdrawal of a pupil is required, otherwise a full term's fees will be charged in lieu of such notice.
2. Cleared funds are due by the first day of each new term.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of Beeston through another challenging year. We are hopefully now through the very worst of the situation the Pandemic put us in and we all pray for a regular school year come September. I remain exceptionally proud of all that the school, its teaching and backroom staff AND the pupils have achieved, despite everything.

Your sincerely,



The Earl of Leicester
Chairman of Governors