



Sidcot

Bursaries and Other Discounts

What are they?

Sidcot school has a number of different bursaries available to parents to enable their children to attend our school. These are funded in different ways – in some cases by a legacy or by an associated body such as the Quaker Bursary Trust or our Old Scholars Association.

Bursaries

Bursaries are discounts available to new (and sometimes existing) students. Each has selection criteria defined by the relevant trustees. Some are only available to Quakers, but many are available to all. Most bursaries are intended to help a child enter the school and will continue for the duration of their education at Sidcot, others are intended to offer short term support and may be available in cases of financial hardship as a result of a change in circumstances.

Sibling Discounts

A 10% discount is given to children who already have one full fee paying sibling at the school and will be deducted from the lowest fee at that time.

How are they awarded?

All bursaries are means tested as recommended by Charity Commission guidelines which requires a comprehensive declaration of income and assets on an annual basis. As the funds available to support these bursaries are limited, there are only a small number of awards available each year and can be up to 100% of fees. All parents who have declared they require a bursary will be provided with the relevant criteria for the application. On receipt of a completed application supported by the relevant financial documents, an initial review will be carried out by the Director of Finance.

The Head and Trustees will make a final decision on the students they feel should receive the bursary and the school will then notify all candidates of the outcome of their application.

It should be appreciated that the bursaries available at any particular time will depend both on the level of donations received by Bursary Trusts and the performance of any underlying investments.

When are bursaries awarded?

Bursaries are awarded as part of the Admissions process for qualifying students. All parents wishing to apply for a bursary should register their interest with Admissions when they come to the school. Bursary applications must be received by the 1 January for entry to the school in the September of that year.

What is expected of a bursary holder?

Parents or Guardians will be notified of the award and each Term's school fees invoice will be reduced by the amount of the bursary. Parents are expected to pay



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the remainder of the fees on time by the normal due date, any “extras” such as school trips or activities are payable in full. Failure to pay fees by their due date may result in the removal of a bursary.

As part of the conditions of the bursary, the school will monitor the progress of each receiving pupil and report back to the awarding body on their development through the school; however your child’s identity or any personal information will never be released or discussed.

All bursaries are subject to an annual financial review; if there is a substantial improvement in the student’s financial circumstances the bursary may be removed to enable another child to receive the support.

We expect all holders of bursaries to demonstrate a real desire to learn and make a positive contribution to the life of the school, if this is not the case, in exceptional circumstances a bursary may be withdrawn, resulting in full fees becoming payable.

Conclusion

We appreciate that many families make a substantial change to their lifestyle and financial arrangements in order to provide their children with an education at Sidcot. We would like to thank those sponsors who have made donations or legacies to provide assistance to children of families who would not otherwise be able to fund their child’s education at the school.

As managers of these funds we have to ensure our selection process is stringent in order to be fair to all parents.

If you are interested in supporting children to attend Sidcot and would like to know more about how to provide funds for a bursary, or how to set up a legacy, please contact the school as we would like to hear from you.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Admissions on 01934 845102 or via email at admissions@sidcot.org.uk.