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Bursary Policy

The governors of The Mall are committed to broadening access to the School by offering to eligible parents, means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees. Such support is known as a bursary and bursaries may be awarded in the form of a discount on tuition fees payable.

Bursaries offered at point of entry to The Mall begin at 7+ (entry to Year 3) and are not considered at an earlier age (unless there is an elder sibling). Applications are to be submitted through the Bursar before 31 January.

Hardship bursaries are only considered once a boy has completed three full years at The Mall.

Bursary awards are subject to testing of parental means at least annually and may be varied upwards or downwards, depending on parental circumstances. The School employs the services of an independent third party provider to conduct a review of parents' financial circumstances. The Headmaster and Bursar will use the information from this review to determine the level of the award which will depend on the financial, compassionate or other pertinent circumstances of the applicants. Reviews will normally be conducted either during the spring term (paperwork to be submitted through the Bursar by 28 February) for current parents, or for prospective parents, after a boy has been offered a place at the School following a 7+ or later assessment.

The school respects the confidentiality of bursary awards made to families and recipients are expected to do likewise.

For those previously in receipt of bursaries, the Headmaster and Bursar have the discretion to recommend to the governors the reduction or withdrawal of an award not only where a pupil's progress, attitude or behaviour has been unsatisfactory but also where the parents have failed to support the school, for example through the late payment of any contribution they are making to the fees. Governors are informed termly of the level of financial assistance awarded to pupils. The School has limited resources and sadly it will not be possible to meet all legitimate requests for financial assistance and the School cannot guarantee that any assistance awarded will continue. The Headmaster's decision in any given year regarding financial assistance is final.

The Mall does not offer scholarships based solely on pupils' progress or ability.

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