

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I am writing to you further to my [letter](#) of 01 February 2021 in which I confirmed that the School's Governors would review the affordability and feasibility of a fee concession for the Summer Term 2021.

The Governors have reviewed the situation carefully, taking particular note of the following points:

- Schools were closed by the UK Government for 8 weeks of the Spring Term 2021;
- During this 8-week period, the Grove [Senior School] site was physically closed to the majority of pupils, save for some international boarders and a number of vulnerable children and children of critical workers;
- During this 8-week period, Brontë House staff delivered onsite provision for over 100 eligible pupils in Reception to Year 6;
- School fees are charged each year in three equal termly instalments, but actually cover the full 35-week school year;
- During this 8-week period, all pupils not physically onsite received a high standard of remote learning, as supported by feedback from parents and students;
- School fees for the academic year 20/21 were frozen at the previous academic year's levels, representing a 3% to 4% saving on the full year's fees, a value of between £300 and £600;
- The School has been able to access the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme for furloughed support staff during the 8 weeks of partial school closure;
- Whilst savings have been achieved as a result of Brontë and the Grove not being fully operational, these have gone towards offsetting the additional costs incurred in running the schools in a Covid-safe manner, as set out in my previous letter;
- It has been widely publicised that parents of younger children have faced the biggest challenges during this recent period of home schooling; and
- Some families, particularly those in receipt of means-tested bursaries, already pay a significantly reduced fee.

In light of the above considerations, the Governors have taken the decision to offer a fee concession for the Summer Term because we feel strongly that if we can act to support our valued families at this difficult time then we should.

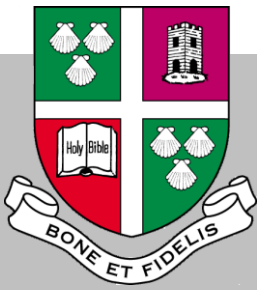
The following discounts will be applied to the Summer Term 2021 fee invoices to those families whose children did not physically attend school during the 8-week period and are not already in receipt of a significant fee discount, such as means-tested bursary:

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Year Group	£	%
Reception	350	16%
Year 1 & 2	350	15%
Year 3	340	13%
Year 4 to 6	340	12%
Year 7 to 13	320	10%

In addition to which:

- Pro-rata day fees will be charged for those boarders who were not physically on site; and
- The relevant fee concession will be credited prior to any academic scholarships and sibling discounts.

Governors appreciate and know from experience that during the Summer Term 2020 some families felt that a fee concession was neither expected or required, and those families are invited to consider paying next term's fees in full. In such cases, the relevant fee concession will then be donated by the School to the Woodhouse Grove School Foundation; a charitable trust primarily formed to raise funds to provide bursary support for pupils whose parents may not otherwise be able to afford the fees.

At the Governors' next Board Meeting which is to take place at the end of March, fee levels for academic year 2021/22 will be considered and set. Thereafter I will write to you again with full details of next year's fees.

Finally, on behalf of the Staff and Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your tremendous loyalty and support through this most challenging of times.

If you wish to discuss this letter further, please feel free to contact the Headmaster or myself.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

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