



## Boundary Oak School Fees in Advance Scheme

### Fees in advance scheme

The Fees in Advance Scheme is a way to reduce the cost of education by means of a discount received against future fees.

Parents will receive an illustration of the FIA scheme, and this will be updated each year. Any fee increase will be invoiced separately in September of each year.

Typically a parent will choose the number of terms they want to pay in advance for. We will add all the current fees for the respective year groups together and arrive at today's total price. If we divide by the number of terms being paid in advance we arrive at the Termly Fees amount "paid". We will then apply a discount rate (commutation rate) to the total sum and divide by the number of terms to give a single effectively termly cost to the parent, which provides a saving on the Termly Fees "paid". Whilst this covers the term structure of the fees as they move up year groups it does not cover any fee increases.

Please note that for any fees increases parents will be invoiced for the % fee increase x Termly Fees amount "paid" each term for the 3 terms of the year the fee increase takes place.

### VAT

Please note that our FIA agreement is not an investment scheme or a tax avoidance scheme, it is a contract for education that makes business sense for both parties, irrespective of tax legislation.

Currently fees for pupils' education is tax exempt. Should a future government introduce VAT on fees please note that the tax point is the earliest of the two dates: the date of payment, or the invoice date. Therefore any fees paid in advance of any change in VAT would not be subject to VAT. However, as the fee increase component is paid and invoiced separately, it would be subject to VAT when it is paid/invoiced, should VAT on fees legislation be passed when the fee increase is due. If there's a change in legislation whereby the tax point is deemed to be the point at which the service (education) is delivered then parents would be liable for VAT under this scheme.

This fees in advance (FIA) scheme is for parents whose children are in the school, or who are registered to start before April 2025. This scheme offers a discount and, as it operates under current VAT rules, no VAT is currently due on payments made under the scheme, and it is hoped this will remain so. However, in the event that a change to VAT legislation imposes a VAT charge on school fees, and this change either impacts payments already made into our FIA scheme (e.g. through anti-forestalling legislation) and/or results in an increase in school fees, it is possible that participants of the FIA scheme would not be protected from the change to VAT legislation.

## Terms & Conditions

### Objective



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The objective of the Fees in Advance Scheme (the **Scheme**) is to provide a method where the cost of your child's education at Boundary Oak School can be reduced by making an advanced lump sum payment. From a contractual point of view, these supplemental terms and conditions must be signed by the parents who are already signatories to the main parent contract, and the individual paying the lump sum payment, if different (e.g., grandparents or any other relative).

The School will maintain its direct contractual relationship with the parents under the main parent contract (the terms of which will remain fully in force and effective as between the School and the parents as holders of parental responsibility) and these terms and conditions will form part of that relationship.

### Basis of the Scheme

A lump sum payment to the School at or after the acceptance by the parent of an offer of a place for the child at the School will be applied against the amount due in respect of each term's fees for an agreed number of terms. The total value of these applications will be commuted at an agreed rate in order to calculate the total amount of the lump sum payable by the parent to the School under the Scheme, with such calculation carried out prior to the parents joining the Scheme.

### Terms & conditions

- 1) These terms and conditions (the **FIA Terms and Conditions**) are supplemental to the School's standard terms and conditions that the parents agreed when accepting a place for the child concerned (the **Parent Contract**). As between the parents and the School (excluding the payer, if different), the FIA Terms and Conditions form part of the Parent Contract and, therefore, the contractual relationship between the parents and the School. The terms and conditions of the Parent Contract shall continue to bind the parents in full.
- 2) Where the payer is not a parent of the child, they will be required to agree to these FIA Terms and Conditions by signing below. References in these FIA Terms and Conditions to "parents" shall be interpreted as including the payer, as applicable and as the context requires.
- 3) All payments made in accordance with the Scheme form part of the general funds of the School and may be used for such purposes as the School may from time-to-time determine.
- 4) The parents should be aware that if the School becomes unable to pay its debts, by reason of insolvency or otherwise, the parents will be unsecured creditors of the School and that the amount of any lump sum payment paid to the School under the Scheme might not be returned to the parents.
- 5) The parents agree to provide the School with such information as the School may request and agree that the School may carry out checks that the School considers necessary or appropriate, including through third-parties, so that the School is able, to its satisfaction, to verify the identity of the parents and the source of funds being paid into the Scheme.
- 6) Those responsible for the fees and supplemental charges under the Parent Contract must meet the difference between the amount per term applied under this Scheme and the total amount due in respect of the child each term. Differences will arise where, for example, there have been increases in fees, supplemental charges and other extras, or where taxes are due on any fees or supplemental charges, for example if there is a change which results in VAT being payable on



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school fees and such change applies to any of the terms covered under the Scheme. Payment of an amount equal to any such difference shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Parent Contract.

- 7) The Scheme may be used to provide advanced payments towards fees for a set number of terms during the child's potential time at the School, from a minimum of **6 terms** up to a maximum of **15 terms** (an increase to the maximum may be considered on a case by case basis). The minimum amount accepted by way of payment into the Scheme is an amount calculated to generate termly payments of **£1000** per term. Unless agreed with the **Bursar** in advance, the maximum advance lump sum payment accepted is of an amount equal to that calculated to cover the termly tuition fee for the total duration of the child's education at the School at the time of entering the Scheme.
- 8) On receipt of an advance lump sum payment, the School will make a specified allocation to the fee account of the relevant child of an agreed amount for an agreed number of terms. In order to calculate the amount of the total advance lump sum payment, the School and the parents will agree in advance the amount that will be allocated against each term's fees and the set number of terms intended to be covered by the arrangement (the **Fee Contribution**). The School will apply the discount rate set out in the **Standard Table** at the end of these FIA Terms and Conditions to the amount of the Fee Contribution. This calculation will generate the amount of the advance lump sum payment payable by the parents.
- 9) The Standard Table illustrates the commuted (discounted) cost to the parents of providing the equivalent of **£5,000** per term for a child for up to a maximum of fifteen terms as at **September 2023**. This is the Standard Table currently in force. The cost of providing other equal fee payments per term of amounts over £5,000 and the resulting commutation can be calculated from this Standard Table. The School does not offer the facility to vary the termly fee payments.
- 10) The commutation rate used in the current Standard Table is 2.5% per annum and is calculated on a compound basis. The Standard Table and commutation rate will be reviewed by the School in line with movements in Bank of England base rates. Parents should confirm the applicable commutation rate and Standard Table currently in force immediately before making any single lump sum payment. The commutation rate is subject to change at the School's sole discretion and parents should be aware that if there is a delay of more than **one term** between confirming the commutation rate currently in force and paying the advance lump sum to the School that the commutation rate may change. If the commutation rate changes this will affect the amount that will be allocated to each term's fees for the relevant child (the discount). Once parents have joined the Scheme and full payment of the relevant lump sum amount is received by the School in freely available, cleared funds, the commutation rate at the time of such payment will apply for the duration of the arrangement secured by that payment. For the avoidance of doubt, the School will only accept payment of the advance lump sum in Pounds Sterling.
- 11) Following receipt by it of a lump sum payment in freely available, cleared funds, the School will confirm in writing to the parent the amount of the lump sum payment received, the number of terms intended to be covered by the arrangement, the applicable commutation rate, and the amount to be allocated against each term's fees. In order to participate in the Scheme, the School must in all cases receive payment of the advance lump sum payment and a signed copy of these FIA Terms and Conditions before the beginning of the first term to be covered. For the purposes of the Scheme, terms will be deemed to commence as follows:
  - Spring Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> January
  - Summer Term: 15<sup>th</sup> April
  - Autumn Term: 1<sup>st</sup> September



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- 12) An advance lump sum payment will only be accepted in respect of those children for whom a registration fee and deposit have been received by the School and an offer of a place accepted.
- 13) Notwithstanding Clause 11) above, the payment of an advance lump sum payment in accordance with the Scheme does not in itself guarantee a child a place in the School, nor does it in any way alter the terms of, or requirements for, entry to the School or entitle the child to preferential treatment.
- 14) Subject to the terms of the Parent Contract (including in particular those terms relating to the withdrawal of a child on notice) and Clause 16) of the FIA Terms and Conditions below, if a child leaves the School for any reason prior to the commencement of the last term covered by the Scheme or does not take up their place at the School, an amount equal to the unused proportion of the advance lump sum payment made under the Scheme will be refunded (less any amounts owed to the School at the time of the refund, including any fees payable to the School in lieu of notice) to the parents. If necessary, the Standard Table used to calculate the applicable commutation rate when the parents joined the Scheme shall be used to calculate the amount of any such unused proportion.
- 15) Subject only to Clause 16) below, the School will not pay any refund or sum of money owed to the parents under the Scheme to a third-party. The parents agree to reimburse the School for the amount of any taxes (if any) the School is required to pay as a result of refunding any unused portion of the advance lump sum payment.
- 16) Upon no less than one term's prior written notice and subject to the School's prior approval, the parents may request that an unused portion of the advance lump sum payment be transferred between children who are siblings at the School. Where the parent and the payer of the advance lump sum payment are different, both must agree to the transfer in writing.
- 17) Queries or requests for information regarding the Scheme should be addressed to the Bursar at the School.
- 18) In the event of any change to the School's status, or to any legal or taxation arrangements which have or could reasonably be expected to have an impact on the School's running of the Scheme, or for any other substantive reason, the School reserves the right to make changes to these FIA Terms and Conditions or the general arrangements of the Scheme with a minimum notice period of three (3) months to the parents.
- 19) Where there is a change in tax legislation and/or anti-forestalling regulation and VAT (or any other tax) is applicable to these fees, retrospectively or otherwise, the school reserves the right to request payment from the parents for any outstanding VAT (or other tax).
- 20) These FIA Terms and Conditions are governed by English Law and either the parents or the School must bring legal proceedings in respect of these FIA Terms and Conditions in the English Courts.



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### Standard Table

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Cost of providing the equivalent of £5,000 of fees per term for the number of terms funded at a Commutation Rate of: **2.5 % p.a.**

Annual Commutation Rate		2.5%		
Termly fee contribution		£5,000.00		
Number of terms		15		
Amount payable by parent		£70,812.76		
Term	Opening FIA Bal	Termly FIA commutation	Termly fees amount "paid"	Effective termly cost to parent
1	70812.76	548.44	-5000	4720.85
2	66361.20	511.34	-5000	4720.85
3	61872.54	473.94	-5000	4720.85
4	57346.48	436.22	-5000	4720.85
5	52782.70	398.19	-5000	4720.85
6	48180.89	359.84	-5000	4720.85
7	43540.73	321.17	-5000	4720.85
8	38861.90	282.18	-5000	4720.85
9	34144.09	242.87	-5000	4720.85
10	29386.95	203.22	-5000	4720.85
11	24590.18	163.25	-5000	4720.85
12	19753.43	122.95	-5000	4720.85
13	14876.37	82.30	-5000	4720.85
14	9958.68	41.32	-5000	4720.85
15	5000.00	0.00	-5000	4720.85
16	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
17	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
18	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
19	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
20	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
21	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
		Total Commutation (Discount) over period	Total Fees for period	Total payable at outset
		4187.24 -	75,000.00	70812.76
Effective total discount		5.58%		



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Example:

A 15 term (5 year) advance payment will cost £70,812.76 to cover fees of £75,000, providing a saving of £4187.24. In each year of the plan, you will receive termly credits on your fee bill of £5000.

If your child leaves the school prematurely, you will be refunded any unused advance payment. Based on this example, should your child leave at the end of the third year, after 9 terms, you will receive a refund of £29,386.95 - your balance after 9 terms. Subject to the Terms and Conditions of Fees in Advance Scheme.

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### Fees in Advance Scheme – Application Form and Agreement

Name of Child .....<sup>1</sup>

Who is \*currently in Year .....

\*entered for admission in .....

We agree to the conditions set out in the FIA Terms & Conditions of [date]

We [enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to [name of bank account]] / [hereby confirm that we have instructed our/my bank to make a direct transfer for £..... to [bank account details]] on the basis of the current Standard Table annexed:

£ ..... per term from ..... [term and date] for ..... (No. of terms)

Signature of Parent (required whoever makes the payment)  <b>Signed by:</b>  ..... (signature)  ..... (print name)	Signature of Parent (required whoever makes the payment)  <b>Signed by:</b>  ..... (signature)  ..... (print name)
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<sup>1</sup> Where more than one sibling is joining the Scheme at the same time, it will normally make sense to issue separate documentation for each child.



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<p>..... (date)</p>  <p>..... (relationship to child)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick here to confirm this signatory has parental responsibility for the child</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>..... (address)</p>	<p>..... (date)</p>  <p>..... (relationship to child)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick here to confirm this signatory has parental responsibility for the child.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>..... (address)</p>
<p>Signature of person making payment (Payer) (<u>required if different from Parents</u>)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Relationship to the</p> <p>Child .....</p> <p>Date.....</p> <p>Permanent Address:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	



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Please note: should you require further advice or information please contact:

Mrs E Lloyd [elloyd@boundaryoak.co.uk](mailto:elloyd@boundaryoak.co.uk) or 01329 280955 and select Accounts option 4

Each person who has signed the Application Form should also sign here.