

Dear Boarding Parents,

I hope that you are all well. We find ourselves in the most unprecedented and difficult times both personally and professionally. Sexey's School remains open, we are looking forward to when the current pandemic comes to an end, so life can start to return to normal and we can welcome back our students. We are missing them greatly; the site is so quiet. As we are unaware at what point this will be, we have taken the decision not to issue invoices for Boarding Fees until we have greater clarity around the timeline before students can return.

If you currently pay your fees through a Premium Credit plan, we will be contacting you to request no further payments are taken from you after the April payment which relates to the Spring Term.

As a State Boarding School, we have yet to receive confirmation of the support that we will access from the Government due to the impact of COVID-19 on Sexey's School in particular, the boarding element of the school. We have been told that there will be a support package offered, and that Boarding Schools will be supported.

For these reasons we will only be issuing Summer Term Boarding fees for Key Worker Families who have contacted us to say that they have no option of home working other than to resend their son or daughter to Sexey's School on Sunday 19 April 2020 subject to Government advice at that time. If your fees are supported through CEA, and your son or daughter is remaining at home in accordance with Government advice, please can I ask you to contact them and seek advice from them.

For all other Parents, we will issue an Invoice at the point we know how long next term will be and what we are invoicing you for, I feel uncomfortable issuing an invoice when we have no clarity around when students can return.

At this time of year, we would also normally write to confirm the Boarding Fees for the next academic year. As you are aware the Governing Body reviews the Boarding Fees on an annual basis. I can confirm that the Governing Body and I have taken the decision to freeze the Boarding Fee's for 2020/21. We have decided not to make an increase in fees along with or above rate of inflation for a number of reasons: -

- To recognise and thank you for the support you have shown the school over the last 12 months.
- To recognise that we are all in a time of financial uncertainty and we appreciate that an increase in fees at this time would add further worry and uncertainty to many of our families.

I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the support you continue to show myself and my staff. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I hope that you and your families are staying safe and well.

Kind regards

Helen

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