

Ballard School Fee Schedule 2025/2026

Ballard School committed to absorbing the full parental liability of 20% on school fees for the Spring and Summer Terms 2025, following the introduction of VAT to independent school fees. The decision was made to support our local community and allow fee payers the time to adjust and prepare for the changes. Additionally, the Board of Governors decided to allocate significant reserves to address the VAT liability through a phased approach over the coming years, a decision they continue to uphold. They have committed to paying 14% of the VAT for the school academic year 2025/2026.

Fees are calculated on an annual basis and divided into three equal segments to equate to three terms in a school year. They are payable termly on or before the first day of term.

| Fees per term: | | Fees payable by bill payer inc 6% VAT | 14% VAT payable by school |
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| Pre-Prep | Reception | £3474.33 | £458.87 |
| | Year 1 – 2 | £3474.33 | £458.87 |
| Lower Prep | Year 3 | £5374.06 | £709.78 |
| | Year 4 | £5919.96 | £781.88 |
| | Year 5 | £6121.94 | £808.56 |
| Upper Prep | Years 6-8 | £6296.63 | £831.63 |
| Senior | Years 9-11 | £6640.55 | £877.05 |

Included in fees:

- All snacks, fruit and drinks at breaktime and after school
- Over 150 weekly co-curricular activities
- Transport to and from sporting fixtures
- Match Tea for pupils and parents
- Personal accident insurance and use of return2play for concussion injuries (Years 3-11)

| Not included in fees: | | Payable by bill payer | VAT payable by school |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lunch | All Year groups | £281.00 | n/a |
| Enhanced learning or EAL (10 Lessons) | All Year groups | £480.00 inc 6% VAT | £64.00 |
| Minibus – 10 journeys per week | All Year groups | £412.00 | n/a |
| Leased laptop | Years 6 – 11 | See note 8 | |
| Charity Donation (Optional) | All Year groups | £10.00 per year | |
| Public Examinations | | See note 4 | |

1. Payment method is direct credit to the School bank account, details on the invoice.
2. Payment plan – the school offers a payment plan from Year 1 upwards with fees payable in 12-monthly instalments. Please note that in order to conform with consumer credit legislation, fees are payable in advance and therefore **payments commence on 1 June** prior to the academic year commencing September. Should you wish to commence a plan during the year it will be necessary to pay a term's fees in advance before a plan can start - please contact the Bursar's office for full details.
3. Overdue accounts are subject to a 2% late payment surcharge.
4. Public examinations (e.g. GCSE's, LAMDA, New ERA, ESB, etc.) are chargeable extras. A wide range of additional activities and trips are available and some of these are chargeable.
5. Notice – a full term's fee will be charged in lieu of notice (FILON) for school fees and a half term's charges for chargeable extras.
6. Childcare vouchers/Tax-free childcare (TFC) accepted until the term after the child's 5th birthday. They **may not** be used to pay for lunches.
7. Whilst no charge is made for initial screening there will be additional charges for a 'Full Diagnostic Assessment' and 'Short Form Assessment Reports'. Full details are available from Head of DEL in the Department of Enhanced Learning (DEL).
8. The School provides a leased laptop service as part of the School's Digital Strategy. A termly charge will be added to the School fees invoice for Years 6 to Year 11. No discounts apply. Please contact the Bursary department for more information.
9. All discounts are applied to the gross school fee before VAT.

Early Years Over 2 Years Old

For children who are 2 years old, we will accept 30 hours per week offered by Hampshire County Council (HCC) for working parents. For all Local Authority funding, parents must provide an eligibility code to claim.

For children who are aged 3 and 4 years old (term after 3rd birthday), we will accept the universal hours of 15 hours per week offered from HCC. We will also accept the extended 15 hours per week for working parents offered from HCC.

Further criteria can be found on the Government website when you apply for the funding.

Charging for children who are not eligible for funding will be charged at £9.94 per hour. Children who are eligible for funding will be charged £2.06 consumables charge per funded hour. This will include any specialist lessons, consumables, snacks and drinks. Lunch charged at £4.79.

Note - Ballard School only offers 34 weeks entitlement out of the maximum 38 weeks. You may access the remainder of the free entitlement at another approved provider.

Sibling Discount

10% 2nd child, 15% 3rd child, 20% 4th and subsequent children.

Discounts reduce as siblings leave. No discount available in Early Years.

Registration Fees and Refundable Deposits

| Registration Fee | | Refundable Deposit (Payable to secure place, refunded term after leaving) | |
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| Nursery / Kindergarten | £50 | Reception - Year 6 | £275 |
| Reception - Year 11 | £100 +VAT | Years 7-11 | £600 |

When pupils transition from Year 6 into Year 7, the refundable deposit increases to £600. The additional amount required will be included on the Summer Term invoice issued prior to the start of Year 7.