

7th March 2025

Dear Parents

Fee rates for the academic year 2025-26 at West Hill Park

Prep Schools Trust is aware of the sacrifices parents are making to send their children to our schools. The impact of the introduction of VAT on school fees from 1 January this year has been significant for many families.

We are doing everything we can to contain our costs, whilst at the same time preserving all that we believe families value in our schools. We are considering other cost reduction initiatives alongside programmes to generate more income from our school sites outside of term time.

You will recall that we increased our tuition fees by 12.3% in January, which was over 7% less than the increase of 20% that was required by the government. We put our fees down in order to achieve this. Our net fees are therefore currently lower than they were in September 2024.

In addition to normal inflation, the government is increasing National Insurance employer contributions and the National Minimum Wage and abolishing the independent sector's 80% business rates relief from 1 April 2025. We are therefore planning for next year with these additional costs in mind.

Taking all of these factors into account, Prep Schools Trust has decided to apply a 3% tuition fee increase across all of its schools from September 2025. After this increase, which is in line with current CPI, our standard net fees before VAT will still be lower than in September 2024. The termly fees for the academic year 2025-26 for West Hill Park will be as follows:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Day Fees: £ 5,200
Year 3 £ 7,340
Year 4 - Year 8 Day Fees: £ 7,810
Years 3 - 8 Weekly Boarding (5 days): £ 2,140
Years 3 - 8 Full Boarding: £ 3,410

Nursery fees for September will be communicated during April.

Thank you for your continuing support for West Hill Park.

Yours sincerely

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^{*}Inclusive of VAT