ASHVILLE

Fee Concession Policy

Member off staff responsible:

Bursar

Last reviewed June 2026

Next review due June 2027

The policy requires ELT approval

Location: Every

Ashville College
Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 9JP
Tel: 01423 566358 | reception@ashville.co.uk

Definition of Terms

College	Ashville College, Acorns, Pre-Prep School, Prep School and Senior School
Governors	Directors of Ashville College Trustee Limited
MIST	Methodist Independent Schools Trust
Pupils	Pupils who attend the College including pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

1. Introduction

This policy describes Ashville College's approach to fee remission, setting out the circumstances in which various bursaries, scholarships or discounts may be offered. The policy is reviewed regularly by Governors.

2. Types of Fee Remission, and rationale

Ashville College exists to provide an excellent all-round education for young people in the Harrogate area. It has always been an independent (i.e. fee-paying) school.

The school's Governors recognise that not all families can afford independent school fees, and since the founding of the school, therefore, Ashville has maintained a programme of means-tested Bursary awards to support able pupils who might benefit from an Ashville education, but who lack the financial resources to pay full fees themselves. The College is also able to provide short-term hardship funding to help families who would ordinarily pay fees but who have suffered a temporary setback.

Ashville College seeks to promote excellence, in academic matters as well as in cultural and sporting achievements, and the school provides a Scholarship programme to recognise and stretch the most able pupils to achieve their full potential.

Finally, as an independent school, Ashville operates in a competitive environment and offers a number of discounts that help the school to recruit and retain the best pupils and staff at the College. These include a sibling discount for families bringing three or more children, and a fee reduction for the children of College staff. Such discounts are made at the discretion of the Head.

3. Funding and awarding principles

The College aims to maximise the impact of fee remission awards, and to help as many children as possible. The College's priority is children who would benefit from an Ashville education and

who would, in turn, contribute to the success of the school. Requests for financial support are considered carefully by the Bursary Committee, which meets in the Spring Term to consider fee remissions for the coming Academic Year. Funds are limited, and the Committee applies the following principles in making awards:

3.1 All awards are made for a fixed term (e.g. a Key Stage)

3.2 Awards are reviewed prior to the end of each fixed term and the Bursary Committee will decide whether to offer a continuation based on the family's circumstances; College funds available at the time; and the child's performance (academic, behavioural, and in their areas of interest / ability).

3.3 We have high expectations of pupils who are supported financially to attend the College and recipients are expected to be excellent all-round contributors, with exemplary discipline and behaviour records. Awards may be withdrawn from pupils who do not meet these standards

3.4 All awards amounting to a reduction of 25% or more are means-tested and the College employs an independent specialist firm of accountants to carry out appropriate checks.

3.5 The College aims to invest funds at later stages of schooling (e.g. GCSE or A level) where there is more evidence of a child's ability and track-record: the College does not, therefore, award Bursaries to children in the Prep or Pre-Prep age-groups. However, the committee would look at specific requests on a case-by-case basis.

3.6 Fee remissions are not normally available for families who receive funding support from other sources, such as Early Years funding for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds, or from the local authority under an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

3.7 Demand for fee remissions typically exceeds available funds, so even when a family meets the relevant criteria, an award is not guaranteed.

3.8 The decisions of the Bursary Committee are final.

4. Types of Fee Remission

4.1 Means-tested Bursaries

The College welcomes applications from children who would benefit from an Ashville education but who do not have the means to pay full fees. Bursary awards range from 5% remission up to 90%, depending on the family's circumstances.

Due to the high cost of larger awards, the College is only able to make a limited number of means-tested bursary offers each year. Each case is assessed on its own merits by the

College and reviewed by an independent firm of accountants, but as a general rule, a family with a combined household income of £100,000 or above (or with significant assets) would be unlikely to receive means-tested support.

Initial applications for Bursaries should be made through the Admissions team. Funding decisions for each September are made in the previous Spring Term i.e. January-April of the year of entry. Bursary applications should therefore be submitted by 31 December of the preceding year.

Limited funds are available for cases of temporary financial hardship in families who are long-standing members of the College community. Such support is usually means-tested – please write to the Bursar's office for further details.

4.2 **Scholarships**

The College offers two types of Scholarships: Academic Scholarships; and for contributions in Music, Arts, Drama and Sports, known as 'MADS', Scholarships.

Academic Scholarships are usually awarded at entry to Year 7, for pupils who score exceptionally highly on the Entrance Examination; and in the Lower Sixth, for pupils with exceptional results at GCSE. In exceptional cases, Academic Scholarships are awarded to pupils entering Year 10, based on their performances during Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9). As with all forms of fee remission, these awards are reviewed at the end of each key-stage and recipients are expected to maintain exemplary standards of behaviour and contribution to school life. Academic Scholarships come with a 10% fee remission and access to a programme of enrichment and academic development activities.

MADS Scholarships are awarded based on recommendations by the relevant Head of Department during the Admissions process or at a change in key-stage. The process may include an audition or other observation of performance, preparation of a portfolio of work, an interview, and/or a review of the pupil's previous achievements in that area. MADS Scholarships attract a 5% fee remission.

4.3 **Other forms of Fee Remission**

- *Sibling Discounts*. The College offers a discount of 5% per child as long as a family has at least 3 children enrolled at the school.
- *Staff Discounts*. The College offers a percentage fee remission for the children of current employees, with a cap on the total value based on the employee's salary – staff should consult the HR Department for further details.
- *Other.* In certain circumstances the College may be able to offer additional forms of fee remission (e.g. Bursaries funded by MIST or other partner organisations). These awards will usually be made in specific cases at the discretion of the Head.