



15 October 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Stanborough Secondary School Fees reminder for 2021

I pray that you and your families are all well and safe. I hope that like me and my fellow governors you are delighted that your children are able to return to school and continue with their education after a long-enforced period of teaching and learning from home. I would like to assure you that we have taken all possible steps in following central government guidelines to keep your children safe whilst we all remain vulnerable to COVID-19.

Further to my letter dated 8 June 2020, this is a reminder that the school fees will increase from 1st January 2021. Please see the specific payment fees below:

- School fees will increase by 2%.
- There will be a 2.5% reduction in the Adventist discount.
- Lunch fees will increase from £160 to £170 per term, with daily prices set at £3.75 for a full meal and £2.75 for a meal without dessert.

We are in the process of recruiting an external company to provide high-quality catering services at lunchtime. The preferred supplier needs to be reputable and offer nutritious food that is compatible with the Adventist diet and health message. Two companies have already expressed an interest and provided food tasting sessions during the Summer term. This process has taken longer than we had hoped, and we apologise for any inconvenience you may have been caused. In the interim we have asked students to bring in a packed lunch.

- Our 'Everyone Plays Music' programme fees are currently £145 per term for all Key Stage 3 students. These fees will rise to £165. Key Stage 3 will pay £165 per term and the current Year 10. From the start of the current academic year in September, pupils who are not taking GCSE music and want to continue with

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instrument lessons after Key Stage 3 will pay the full cost charged by the music teacher.

This fee increase reflects the rise in our running costs, such as energy and food prices.

I fully appreciate that this news will not be welcomed by you. As explained when the proprietors and I met with parents on 10 August, the increase is necessary as our aim is to ensure we can continue to deliver a sound educational experience that supports, challenge and nurture your child spiritually, more so during this current period of austerity and global uncertainty.

I am pleased to share with you the good GCSE results our previous year 11's received in the Summer of this year. Under Mr James' stewardship the school is moving in the right direction and my plea is that you offer him and the school appropriate support in your capacity as parents and guardians.

Should you be experiencing any financial difficulties with fees, I encourage you to contact Giles Barham to arrange a meeting without delay.

On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank you for your continued support of SSS and for entrusting your child's education to us.

With warmest wishes and prayers that you and your family all remain safe and well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Clements', written in a cursive style.

Judy Clements OBE
Chair of Governors