

Financial Assistance Policy

2025/26



1. Introduction

1.1 The financial assistance fund provides financial support to help parents¹ overcome the specific financial barriers they face in relation to the cost of the school laptop, academy uniform and academy transport.

1.2 There are seven levels of support available to parents which they can apply for:

1.2.1 Existing learners

- Full financial support. This covers the full cost of the school laptop, uniform allowance and academy transport.
- Partial financial support - transport support £500.
- Partial financial support - transport support £250.
- Partial financial support - transport support £125.

1.2.2 New learners

- 100% financial support. This covers the full cost of the school laptop, uniform allowance and academy transport.
- 65% financial support - towards school laptop, uniform allowance and academy transport.
- 45% financial support - towards school laptop, uniform allowance and academy transport.
- 25% financial support - towards school laptop, uniform allowance and academy transport.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Full financial support for existing and new learners

The learner must be in receipt of free school meals.

2.2 Partial financial support for existing learners transport £500

The learner is living in care.

The learner is leaving or has recently left care.

Learner/parent is disabled and receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

Gross annual household income is less than £20,000.

¹ Within this document, the term parent refers to those with parental responsibility for a learner



- 2.3 Partial financial support for existing learners: transport £250
Gross annual household income is between £20,001 and £25,000.
- 2.4 Partial financial support for existing learners: transport £125
Gross annual household income is between £25,001 and £27,500
- 2.5 Partial financial support for new learners: 65% towards school laptop, transport and uniform allowance
The learner is living in care.
The learner is leaving or has recently left care.
Learner/parent is disabled and receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.
Gross annual household income is less than £20,000.
- 2.6 Partial financial support for new learners: 45% towards school laptop, transport and uniform allowance
Gross annual household income is between £20,001 and £25,000.
- 2.7 Partial financial support for new learners: 25% towards school laptop, transport and uniform allowance
Gross annual household income is between £25,001 and £27,500.

3. Allocation of funding

- 3.1 There are two categories of funding, categorised as full or partial support.
- 3.1.1 Full support for existing and new learners. The academy will cover the full cost of the school laptop, uniform allowance and academy transport. Parents will still need to enrol with EDDE for the school laptop to ensure that the school laptop is covered by the warranty. The uniform allowance will be either used at the uniform evening hosted by the uniform supplier or by payment following submission of receipts after purchasing the school uniform.
- 3.1.2 Partial support for existing learners: transport £500. The cost of the academy transport will be reduced by £500 and parents/carers will pay the remaining balance by monthly direct debit.
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- 3.1.4 Partial support for existing learners: transport £125. The cost of the academy transport will be reduced by £125 and parents will pay the remaining balance by monthly direct debit.



- 3.1.5 Partial support 65% for new learners: school laptop, academy transport and uniform allowance. The cost of the school laptop and academy transport will be reduced by 65% and parents will pay the remaining balance by monthly direct debit. Parents will receive 65% of the full uniform allowance which is currently £150.
- 3.1.6 Partial support 45% for new learners: school laptop, academy transport and uniform allowance. The cost of the school laptop and academy transport will be reduced by 45% and parents will pay the remaining balance by monthly direct debit. Parents will receive 45% of the full uniform allowance which is currently £150.
- 3.1.7 Partial support 25% for new learners: school laptop, academy transport and uniform allowance. The cost of the school laptop and academy transport will be reduced by 25% and parents will pay the remaining balance by monthly direct debit. Parents will receive 25% of the full uniform allowance which is currently £150.

4. Applying for financial assistance funding

- 4.1 An application form and further information are available on the academy's website or by emailing finance@jcbacademy.com.

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