

Financial Support



For students aged 16 to 19

The government gives schools additional money to support 16 to 19 year old students who need help with their education-related costs such as meals, books, equipment, and travel costs to school.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

There are three types of financial support we can offer to eligible students:

- Free school meals
- Bursaries for Defined Vulnerable Groups
- Discretionary Bursaries

WHAT ARE BURSARIES?

A bursary is money that the school will allocate to you to help you with your education-related costs such as books, equipment, essential trips, and travel costs. Financial support is available to eligible students based on individual need.

There are two categories of 16 to 19 bursary available:

Bursary for Defined Vulnerable Groups

This bursary is available for students in defined vulnerable groups, including students in care, care leavers, and students who receive certain benefits in their own right. Awards are based on an assessment of individual need and participation costs and may be up to £1,200.

Discretionary Bursary

Students from low-income households may be eligible for a discretionary bursary to help with travel, equipment and other essential course-related costs. Awards are based on household income, individual circumstances and available funding.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for a 16-19 bursary you will need to complete the online application form and provide supporting evidence. To access the form go to the school website or scan this QR code



Free School Meals

You will qualify for free meals if your household is in receipt of one or more types of benefits. To find out more and apply please go to: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Full details and links to all our 16 to 19 bursary guidance documents can be found on the school website.

If you have any queries, please email the finance team at finance@tltrust.co.uk

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