



LEWESTON
SHERBORNE

Fee Information 2024-25



FEES 2024-25

Registration Fee - £100 Deposit - UK and Europe £500 Worldwide £3500. A pupil cannot be accepted into the school until the deposit is paid. Deposits will be refunded on a pupil's final account but forfeited if the place is not taken.

Termly Fees

Year Group	Day	One Night Flexi Package	Two Night Flexi Package	Three Night Flexi Package	Weekly Boarding 5 nights	Full Boarding
Reception	£2998					
Year 1	£2998					
Year 2	£3060					
Year 3	£3672					
Year 4	£3796	£4402	£5009	£5615	£7064	£8544
Year 5	£4175	£4781	£5388	£5994	£7064	£8544
Year 6	£4980	£5586	£6193	£6799	£7064	£8544
Year 7	£6365	£6971	£7578	£8184	£8919	£10338
Year 8	£6365	£6971	£7578	£8184	£8919	£10338
Year 9	£6820	£7426	£8033	£8639	£9875	£11477
Year 10	£6820	£7426	£8033	£8639	£9875	£11477
Year 11	£6820	£7426	£8033	£8639	£9875	£11477
Year 12	£6668	£7274	£7881	£8487	£9875	£11477
Year 13	£6668	£7274	£7881	£8487	£9875	£11477

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

B&B Boarding	£60 per night
Drama Solo	£259 per term
Drama Shared	£179 per term (Prep) £195 per term (Senior)
Instrumental Music Lessons	£275 per term (Prep) £362 per term (Senior)
Theory of Music/Aural Classes	£82 per term
Instrument Hire	Pianos £50 per term Others £53.50 per term
Individual Needs (Literacy and Numeracy)	£53 per hour £31 per half hour

The number of optional lessons per term may vary depending on the length of the term.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Available from 7.30am to 8.00am. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast at a cost of £4.50 per session.

Bookings through the Parent Portal.

NOTICE PERIOD

A term's notice (received by the first day of the preceding term) must be given in writing if:

- a pupil is being removed from the school
- a pupil has a change of status e.g. from day to full or weekly boarding (this includes changes to flexi boarding nights)
- or, there is any change to optional extras.

Failure to give notice will result in a term's fees in lieu being charged. Notice can be provided using the form on the Parent Portal. Please note when notice is given the pupil's place will be considered available and may be offered to a new pupil joining the school.

SUPPER CLUB

Day pupils can stay past 6.00pm with notice; supper is available at 6.45pm at a cost of £7.00 per session.

Bookings through the Parent Portal.

REMISSIONS

Sibling Discount

Two children attending, youngest receives 5% discount.

Three children attending, youngest receives 10% and second child receives 5% discount.

Four children attending, youngest receives 15%, second 10% and third 5% discount.

The discount is offered from Year 1 upwards and where the family is not in receipt of a bursary or other fee remission.

Continuity of Education Allowance

Leweston welcomes boarders who receive the Forces' Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA). Armed Forces Discount may be available on day fees on application.

Bursaries

The school has a limited fund which is available to provide financial assistance to parents who need help with fees. Awards are means tested with full financial disclosure required. Further information is available in our Financial Assistance leaflet.

YOUR FEES EXPLAINED

Day fees

Day fees cover tuition costs for the standard curriculum, textbooks, lunch and tea, the facilities and travel for most sports and games, and personal accident insurance. The supervision of day pupils between the hours of 08.00 and 17.45 is included.

Boarding fees

There are different types of boarding fees dependent on the number of nights pupil stays in school: regular one, two or three night flexi, weekly boarding (5 nights) and full boarding (7 nights).

Regular Flexi Boarding fees includes the day fee plus the relevant boarding supplement.

Weekly and full boarding fees cover tuition costs for the standard curriculum, textbooks, food and accommodation, laundry, the facilities and travel for most sports and games, and personal accident insurance.

The fees will be reviewed by the Governors during the course of your child's education and they may increase in accordance with our terms and conditions.

PAYMENT

Bills are sent at the end of each term. Fees are payable on or by the first day of term. Fees can be paid by BACS, cheque or direct debit.

The direct debit scheme offers the opportunity to pay each term's fees in three, 10 or 12 monthly instalments, no service or interest charges apply. Extras and incidental costs continue to be due on the first day of each term. Direct debits are taken at the beginning of every month unless otherwise agreed on set-up. You also have the option to pay your extras via our Variable Direct Debit Scheme.

Please note if your child starts part way through a term, and you have missed the first payment for that term, you will only be able to join the Direct Debit Scheme at the beginning of the following term. The Direct Debit Scheme is a discretionary arrangement offered on a termly basis to assist with spreading the cost of fees. The school reserves the right to withdraw or amend the terms of the Termly Direct Debit Scheme by giving notice in writing before the beginning of any new school term. No agreement for the deferral of future fees will be valid unless it provides for no more than four instalments within a 12-month period from the date of the agreement. If you are interested in paying by direct debit, please contact the Bursary on fees@leweston.dorset.sch.uk

If a fee balance is not cleared by the appropriate point a reminder will be sent after two weeks from this date and, at this point, interest of 2.75% will be charged until the settlement of the debt, unless an alternative agreement has been made between the school and the parent. Failure to settle the amount in full by the half term after fees were due will result in the pupil not being admitted into school until the balance is clear.

The School offers a 2% discount for annual payments made for the following academic year providing that the payment is made prior to the Autumn Term bill being issued. Annual payments made after this point will have the 2% discount applied to the Spring and Summer terms only. The discount applies to the incoming academic year's fee structure.

Childcare Vouchers

Leweston accepts vouchers from several different child care schemes which can be used to pay for after school activities and holiday clubs for children up to the age of either 12 or 16 depending on the scheme. Childcare vouchers cannot be used to make payments for school fees.

Fees in Advance Scheme

Leweston operates a Fees in Advance (FIA) scheme that provides fee payers (parents, grandparents, guardians or others) the opportunity to make an advance lump sum payment towards future school fees for all, or part, of the pupil's time at school. The FIA scheme is available for current pupils and prospective pupils who have registered with Leweston. The minimum number of terms to be covered is four and the maximum is the lesser of fifteen terms or the pupil's remaining time at the School. In return for a lump sum advance payment the school offers fee payers a discount against future fees and guarantees a credit that will be applied to each term's fee invoice. The rate of discount allowed by the School is kept under constant review. Once payment is made the rate of discount agreed will apply for the whole period covered by the advance payment. If you are interested in making a lump sum payment please contact the Finance Team.

UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory in the Prep and Senior School. A complete set of Prep uniform would be approximately £400. A complete set of Senior uniform would be approximately £600. Sixth Form students wear suits of their own choice but must purchase school sports kit. Sixth Form sports kit is approximately £75.

Uniform is available online www.lewestonshop.co.uk or in the School Shop. The shop opens on a weekly timetable but payment must be made at point of sale, it is not possible for items to be put on your bill.

TRANSPORT

Leweston operates several routes which pick up and drop off in key locations across Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. Charges are per journey and booked online at www.leweston.vectare.co.uk.

INSURANCE

Included within the School fee is personal accident cover; pupils are automatically insured. At an additional charge, but optional and on an opt-in basis, the premiums in respect of personal effects insurance, pupil absence insurance and health insurance schemes could also appear on your termly account. More information is available from the Finance team.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

You will also find some additional charges on your termly bill which vary from child to child. To avoid unwelcome surprises at your first end of term account, we thought it would be helpful were you to understand at the outset the type of charge that you are likely to see added to the bill as an extra.

Extras fall into three broad categories - educational, recreational and personal - and seem to average out at £500 per term, but very much depend on the activities chosen by your child.

Educational extras

All pupils pay for their own stationery and library photocopying.

Individual music tuition is charged termly in arrears, per term per instrument (for up to 30 lessons per year). Instrument hire is charged per term, including piano hire to cover tuning and maintenance. Music students also bear the cost of sheet music purchased for their own use. A notice period of one term is required if you choose not to continue with music tuition. Further information is available on the music booking form on the Parent Portal.

Individual or group LAMDA lessons are charged termly in arrears per term for solo or shared drama up to 30 lessons per year. A notice period of one term is required if you choose not to continue with drama tuition. Further information is available on the LAMDA booking form on the Parent Portal.

Individual tuition, where a need has been identified and agreed with parents, will be charged as an extra. Lessons are charged in arrears per hour in the following areas: English as an Additional Language (EAL), and Individual Needs Support.

External examination fees are charged. All examination entry and associated fees will be invoiced to parents when the examination is applied for. Invigilation charges will follow at the end of the exam period. Any late fees incurred due to pupil adjustments will be passed on to parents. In certain circumstances special arrangements made for examinations are chargeable.

Materials used in art, sculpture, pottery and design and technology and home economics are charged at cost.

Participation in School outings and expeditions that do not form an integral part of the curriculum are also charged as extras.

In charging extras, the guidance to teachers and others is that items or activities costing up to £30 can be added as an extra, but that prior parental agreement must be given to charges over £30. External examination fees will be added to fees at cost. No charge is made for administration.

Recreational extras

There are a large number of groups, clubs and societies to which pupils might choose to belong; the vast majority of these are included in the fees but some, particularly if travel or a coach/leader from outside of the school staff are involved, may incur a charge. This varies in line with the complexity and cost of the activity. Furthermore, a number of weekend trips, activities and events are arranged for pupils and some of these will attract a charge.

Personal expenditure

Transport charges – Leweston runs its own airport shuttle to Heathrow at the start and end of term. This uses the school's own minibus and drivers. There is a charge made which is shared between all those using the service. Adequate financial arrangements must be made to enable boarders to meet their day-to-day expenses, cost of travel and subsistence. Cash advances will not be made on the fee account.

Should you have any questions, at any time, relating to extras charged to your account, in the first instance please contact the Finance team.



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