



BRIDEWELL ROYAL HOSPITAL

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL WITLEY & BARROW HILLS SCHOOL

Public Benefit Policy

The Governors of King Edward's School Witley and Barrow Hills School, as trustees of Bridewell Royal Hospital, recognise the public benefit requirement contained in the Charities Act 2011 and that the furthering, and reporting thereon, of public benefit is an integral part of the Charity's purposes, having regard as well to the guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

It is further recognised that the fundamental consideration for a fee-charging charity is that those of modest means must not be excluded from benefiting from the charity's activities. The Bridewell Foundation (a permanent endowment) provides financial means-tested bursary support primarily for children whose home circumstances make a boarding or King Edward's / Barrow Hills style of education beneficial, thereby delivering the founding mission of the Charity. Restricted and other Funds provide further bursary support, together with other educational benefits. The award of bursaries by the Charity enables those in need of additional financial support to secure funding from the major educational charities and other donors. The Charity thereby maximises the opportunity for disadvantaged children and the poor to benefit from its activities, with some 15% of pupils who attended King Edward's last year benefiting from such bursaries and with around 71% of those pupils receiving total support of between 81-100% of fees.

The Charity employs a dedicated Bursaries Officer to ensure its aims of access and funding for those who need it most are met. The large majority of annual fundraising activity is geared towards bursary funding.

The Governors also continue to recognise and further promote both Schools' roles in the wider community, through (but not limited to) initiatives to provide regular teaching, support and availability of facilities to children from local schools and other voluntary organisations.

Annually, the Governors will:

- In considering the Aims and Objectives for the Schools, consider how planned activities continue to provide public benefit.
- Review the provision and securing of bursary support in delivering the founding mission of the Charity and providing public benefit.
- Review the community commitments that further recognise the public benefit provided by the Charity.
- Report on the same in the Report & Financial Statements of Bridewell Royal Hospital incorporating King Edward's School Witley and Barrow Hills School Witley.