



# **BIRS School Fees Policy 2025-2026**

Effective for Academic Year: 2025-2026

## 1. Guiding Principles & Financial Commitment

To ensure the highest quality of education and operational stability, BIRS has structured its fees to reward long-term commitment from our families. This model allows us to guarantee class viability, retain our expert staff, and provide a seamless educational experience for the full academic year. All fees are quoted and payable in Great British Pounds (£).

## 2. Payment Plans

We offer two payment plans for core and enrichment subjects.

#### 2.1. Annual Plan (Best Value & Full Benefits)

Designed for families committing to the full academic year, full payment is due before the academic year starts. This plan offers substantial savings and valuable benefits.

- Save up to 25%, worth £550–£950 annually compared to monthly payments.
- Free IXL Membership (English & Maths, £118/year value).
- Free daily Homework & Tutoring Programme (£300/year value).
- Enrolment Fee waived save £100 (new students) or £50 (returning).
- No security deposit required.



## 2.2. The Monthly Plan (Flexible Option)

This plan is offered for families who require flexibility.

- Fees: Fees are payable for 10 months (September June). This plan does not include the 25% discount offered with the Annual Plan.
- Deposit: A one-month refundable security deposit is required upon enrolment. The
  deposit will be returned at the end of the student's final month of study, provided all
  outstanding fees are paid and the required notice period is met (see Student Withdrawal
  Policy).
- Enrolment Fee: The £100 New Enrolment Fee (for new students) or £50 Annual
   Re-enrolment Fee (for returning students) is required for this plan.
- Payment Method: Monthly payments are due by Standing Order on the 1st of each month.
- Switching: A student on the Monthly Plan can switch to the Annual Plan at any time. The
  discounted annual rate will be applied pro-rata for the remainder of the academic year,
  with the new balance payable upfront. The one-month deposit will be credited towards
  this payment.

#### 3. Core Academic Package Fees (Schedule for 2025-2026)

The table below highlights the significant 25% savings available when choosing the Annual Plan.

- Key Stage 2 (Y3-6) Monthly £220 | Yearly £1,650 | Annual Savings £550
- Key Stage 3 Year (7) Monthly £260 | Yearly £1950 | Annual Savings £650
- Key Stage 3 Year (8-9) Monthly £325 | Yearly £2450 | Annual Savings £800
- Key Stage 4 Year (10-11) Monthly £380 | Yearly £2,850 | Annual Savings £950

#### 4. A La Carte (Single Subject) Fees

For families not enrolling in a full Core Academic Package, single core subjects are available. These are offered on a monthly or annual plan. The one-month security deposit and enrolment fee are required for the monthly plan.

- Key Stage 2 & 3 (Eng, Maths, Sci, Humanities):
  - Monthly Plan: £80 per subject, per month.
  - o Annual Plan: £600 per subject, per year.
- Key Stage 4 / IGCSE (Eng, Maths, Sci, chosen Humanity):
  - o **Monthly Plan:** £100 per subject, per month.
  - o Annual Plan: £750 per subject, per year.



## 5. Class Activation & School's Right to Cancel

BIRS classes are subject to a minimum enrolment threshold. BIRS reserves the right to cancel any class that does not meet this threshold. In the rare event that BIRS cancels a class for which fees have been paid, a full refund of those fees will be issued immediately.

## 6. Refund Policy

Our refund policy is a condition of enrolment and is designed to support the school's need for annual financial commitment.

- Enrolment and Re-enrolment Fees are strictly non-refundable.
- Once the academic year has commenced, tuition fees are non-refundable. This
  applies to all payments made under both the Annual and Monthly plans. Parents enrolling
  mid-year are liable for the full fees for the month in which they start.
- Please see our full Student Withdrawal Policy for information on required notice periods and financial obligations.

#### 7. Other Fees, Discounts & Charges

• **Sibling Discount:** A 5% discount for the second child and a 10% discount for the third and subsequent children is applicable to the chosen plan's tuition fees

#### Enrichment Subjects:

- Enrichment subjects (e.g., Modern Foreign Languages, Computer Science) are offered as optional add-ons. Fees are per subject, per child.
- Annual Plan: £260.00 per subject, per year (paid upfront).
- Monthly Plan: £35.00 per subject, per month. A one-month deposit (£35.00) is required for students taking enrichment subjects only. Payments are due by Standing Order.
- External Examination Fees: Fees for IGCSE or other external examinations are not included in tuition fees.
- Late Payment: Tuition fees are due on the 1st of each month for monthly plans. Should fees remain unpaid for over **5 days** past the due date, access to lessons and online platforms will be suspended.

#### 8. What Your Tuition Fees Include / Exclude

#### • Tuition Fees INCLUDE:

- o All scheduled live lessons for the chosen plan.
- Access to the BIRS Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).
- o Teacher feedback and standard school assessments.



 For Annual Plan students: Free IXL Membership and access to the After-School Homework & Tutoring Programme.

#### Tuition Fees EXCLUDE:

- External examination fees (e.g., for IGCSEs).
- o Parent-selected textbooks or specific learning materials.
- Optional school activities or trips (if any).
- o The one-month security deposit required for the Monthly Plan.

## 9. Payment Terms & Methods

- Due Dates: Annual fees are due in full before the start of the academic year. Monthly
  fees are due on the 1st of each month for 10 months (September June). The first
  month's fee and the one-month deposit are due before the student's start date.
- Accepted Payment Methods:
  - o Annual Plan: Bank Transfer or Online Payment Portal (Credit/Debit Card).
  - Monthly Plan: Standing Order only.

#### • Bank Details:

- o Beneficiary Name: Elearnsmart Ltd
- Sort Code: [Your Sort Code] | Account Number: [Your Account Number]
- o Reference: Please use the student's full name and invoice number.

#### 10. Policy Review

BIRS reserves the right to review and amend tuition fees and this policy annually. Notice of any significant changes will be provided to parents at least one term in advance of them taking effect.

## 11. Contact Information

For any enquiries regarding this School Fees Policy or for billing and finance questions, please contact us:

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