

The Grange School Fees Refund Scheme (Key Facts)

Most of the costs of running the school are fixed on an annual basis. For this reason the School fees can not be refunded to parents where your child is absent through illness, even where this may be for a prolonged period.

Unfortunately children can become ill and are forced to be absent from school. Usually this is for short periods but sadly children can suffer serious illness or accident and in some cases this can be for much longer periods whilst illness is treated and the child recuperates. Throughout the period they may be unable to attend school.

The school has taken out an insurance policy and can claim refunds that may be passed to the fee-payer. In order to benefit under this scheme the fee payer must elect to join the scheme for which the school makes a charge.

Key facts:

- The Grange School team regularly process claims for many parents of pupils who have suffered illness. Some of these relate to pupils who have unfortunately suffered long term illness.
- The period of cover for each termly charge is the first day of term to the last day of term including half term and weekends during term-time.
- Claims can be made for continuous absence due to illness for 5 days or more (including weekends).
- A doctor must certify claims of 15 days or more.
- In order to claim benefits from the scheme you must elect to join by **completing the form below/ticking the relevant box on the application form.**
- The charge made for inclusion is 1.5% of fees excluding extras. For a standard senior school pupil this is £52.58 per term (Autumn 2015). Fees for the year are £10,515.
- As this scheme has been arranged for the benefit of participants, should you choose not to join the scheme you will appreciate that the school will be unable under any circumstance to refund fees to parents of pupils who are absent through illness, even for prolonged periods.

Terms and conditions of the scheme apply and are provided in the attached schedule.

Grange School Fees Refund Scheme

Effective from January 2016



The absence of a pupil does not lessen the cost of running the school and fees are not refundable if a pupil is unable to attend classes due to sickness, accident or quarantine. The school is however, able to make refunds through the Fees Refund Scheme outlined below.

Operation of the Scheme

The contract you have with the school is for the provision of educational services. Participation in this Scheme alters that contract and entitles you to receive a refund of school fees in certain circumstances as detailed on this sheet. The school is able to refund such fees as it has taken out an insurance policy under which it can claim.

To extend the benefits of this Scheme to you in the simplest and most economical way, a termly charge is included on your school fee account. The termly charge is not an insurance premium and you are not entitled to claim directly from the school's insurance policy.

To participate in the Fees Refund Scheme please opt in by ticking the relevant box in the acceptance form.

You can discontinue your participation in this scheme from the start of any term by giving advance written notice to the school.

The school reserves the right to vary the termly charge by giving advance notice to you.

When participation begins and ends

Your participation in the Scheme commences on the first day of term, or the date the first termly charge is paid to the school, whichever is the later. Participation ends when the pupil leaves the school, is withdrawn from the school or participation in the Scheme is discontinued. If however, the withdrawal is solely due to injury or illness of the pupil the cover ceases at the end of the term in which the pupil is withdrawn.

Refunds of fees are made for:

- 1) Absence from the school for a period of at least 5 consecutive full days (including weekends and half term breaks) due to the pupil's illness or accident or the pupil having been in contact with an infectious disease. A Medical Practitioner must certify the necessity of any absence of 15 consecutive full days or more.
- 2) The necessary closure of the whole of or a separate house of the school owing to an outbreak of an infectious disease amongst the pupils and/or staff which renders the continuance of school work impossible. There is no cover for the first 7 days of any such closure. For example, if the school should be closed for 8 days due to an outbreak of an infectious disease at the school the Scheme would, subject to terms and conditions, refund one day's fee.

Conditions:

- 1) The maximum refund under the Scheme for any one pupil for any one medical condition or series of related medical conditions is limited to 280 days calculated from the first day of absence.
- 2) A Medical Practitioner must be an independent Medical Practitioner and not a member of the pupil's immediate family.
- 3) The fee is defined as the net amount (excluding extras) a fee payer is required to pay each term for the attendance at the school of the pupil.

No refund will be made if a pupil is kept from school:

- a) due to a sickness, condition or injury that the fee payer, parent, legal guardian or pupil was aware of and received treatment or advice for in the 12 months prior to their inclusion in the Scheme, except when the pupil has been free of all related symptoms for a continuous period of 24 months after first joining the Scheme;
- b) due to fear of infection at the school;

- c) due to congenital abnormality or illness caused directly or indirectly by any congenital abnormality that the fee payer, parent legal guardian or pupil was aware of prior to their first inclusion in the Scheme;
- d) due to inoculations or similar preventative treatments, unless such treatment is insisted upon by the school;
- e) after a pupil has been certified as physically fit to resume attendance at school, or in the case of contact with an infectious disease in respect of any period after the end of the recognised quarantine as laid down in the code of the Medical Officers of Schools Association;
- f) due to injury or illness sustained through war, invasion, hostilities or acts of foreign enemies (whether war be declared or not); or
- g) due to an act of terrorism, nuclear, chemical or biological terrorism or the threat thereof.

How to apply for a refund

Absence from school - ask the school for a Fees Refund Form. For an absence of 15 consecutive full days or more the appropriate section must be completed by the pupil's Medical Practitioner and the form returned to the school. Any charge or fee for completing the form is to be borne by the fee payer.

Your application for a refund should not be made later than 30 days after the end of the term to which the refund relates. Where school fees for an absence for 30 consecutive days have been refunded, further related absences during the period of rehabilitation will be deemed to be a continuation of the same period of absence provided they are certified by an Independent Medical Practitioner.

How refunds are calculated

Refunds are based on the length of absence during term time only. Fees will be refunded pro rata to the actual time away from the school. This means that the amount payable for each full day of absence is calculated by dividing the pupil's fee for that term by the actual number of days in the term (including weekends and half term breaks).

Free place in the event of accidental death - In the event of an accident that results in the death of a person who is legally obliged to pay the school fees (other than in the capacity of a trustee of a fund from which the fees are paid) for a pupil in the Scheme, the school will maintain the pupil's place at the school free of charge for up to 5 terms following the death, provided that such person is under 65 years of age at the time of death and the death is caused solely by accidental means and independently of any other cause.

Death arising from illness, natural causes, suicide, intentionally self-inflicted injury, war, act of terrorism or nuclear, chemical or biological terrorism is not covered. The school must be informed of any request for payment under this section within three months of the date of death.

Cancellation

You can discontinue your participation in this Scheme from the start of any term by giving advance written notice to the school. The school may cancel this Scheme at any time by giving 30 days written notice to you at your last known address.

Data Protection Act

You should understand that any information you have provided to us at the school, or will provide in the future, will be processed by the school, in compliance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, for the purpose of including you in this Scheme and handling refunds, if any, which may necessitate providing such information to other parties.

Under data protection legislation you can ask in writing for a copy of certain personal records held about you.

Governing law

This Scheme is governed by and in accordance with English and Welsh Law. For any further information or enquiries please contact the school.

The Scheme is administered on our behalf by: Marsh Ltd, Education Practice, Capital House, 1-5 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3SY

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