

## Bedford College Academies Trust

### Hardship Fund Policy

<b>Status:</b> Advisory	<b>Member of staff responsible:</b> Headteacher, Wixams Tree Primary /Principal, Wixams Academy	<b>Implementation date:</b> <b>September 2021</b>
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### Our Vision

“The BCAT vision is to support students to achieve their absolute best whatever their ability or background. We aim to:

1. Work collaboratively to deliver an inclusive and outstanding education to all students, thereby driving up local standards.
2. Maximise social mobility and life chances, through the highest expectations of and aspirations for all students.
3. Encourage and support a range of high performing and distinctive educational establishments for local communities.”

### Our Values

**Student focus** - We will seek to achieve a high-quality learning experience for every student

**High performance** - We will strive for consistently high levels of performance in all aspects of our work

**Respect, openness, and honesty** - We will treat everyone with respect, encourage openness and honesty, and recognise each other’s contribution and achievements.

### 1. Purpose

Assistance with school uniform costs will be given to parents/carers whose children are currently in receipt of eligibility based Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium in year 7. This will be evidenced by the eligibility records provided by the local authority. The Harpur Trust provide £50 towards the cost of uniform ordered via the school’s main uniform provider.

Assistance will be communicated to parents/carers via school newsletters and the school website and parents will be expected to make an application via the uniform suppliers.

Assistance can also be provided to all other FSM/PP pupils across other year groups if requested.

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In exceptional circumstances, assistance may be given more than once a year and this will be at the discretion of the Headteacher/Principal. The value of these items will not exceed £30 per year and the funding for any items will come from the Pupil Premium income.

### **2. School Trips & Visits**

Assistance will be provided by the school to cover the cost of trips and visits for all Pupil Premium students. The amount provided will be:

75% contribution towards school trips (total cost of trip no more than £100). For trips costing more than £100 the Academy will advise parents how much the Academy can afford to contribute.

Residential Trips may need to be discussed on an individual basis.

If assistance is not provided and the parent/carer disagrees with this decision, there is a right of appeal to the Headteacher/Principal and/or the Chair of the Local Advisory Board.

Parents/carers wishing to discuss financial support available from the Primary School/Academy, should contact the relevant Head of Year or email [info@wixamsacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@wixamsacademy.co.uk).

Or email Mrs Mary Langley [info@wixamsyteeprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@wixamsyteeprimary.co.uk)

This policy will be reviewed annually.