

# LEWESTON SCHOOL BURSARY POLICY

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 Leweston is proud of its long history of facilitating access to the education it provides to as many deserving children as possible. This is achieved in part through scholarships but primarily by providing substantial help to less well-off families in the form of means-tested bursaries.

1.2 In awarding bursaries, in accordance with the object of the Trust, priority is given to the children of Catholic families, although applications are welcome from all who would benefit from a Leweston education.

## **2. Objectives**

2.1 Bursaries are awarded in order to:

- Maintain educational standards by admitting and retaining pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees
- Maintain the Roman Catholic character of the school
- Practice charity and compassion

## **3. Criteria for Awarding Bursaries**

3.1 The criteria applied when awarding bursaries are as follows:

- Genuine need must be demonstrated. All bursaries are means-tested and subject to annual review.
- Bursaries may be awarded in conjunction with scholarships or exhibitions
- The limited funds available are prioritised as follows:
  - The children of practicing Roman Catholics
  - Existing pupils in public examination years, whose families are facing hardship
  - Incoming pupils who will enhance the life of the school and who will benefit from a Leweston education

## **4. Applications**

4.1 Applications are considered by the Bursary Committee, which meets two or three times a term. Means-test application forms can be obtained from the Bursary and, once completed, should be returned to the Bursar for assessment.