

GREEN MEADOWS ACADEMY 16-19 BURSARY STATEMENT

In September 2011 the Government ceased the Education Maintenance Allowance and this was replaced by 16-19 Bursary. This bursary is for young people in school who fall into a vulnerable category. The scheme is made up of two parts:

- Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of up to £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.
- Other students who need financial support to help them stay in education or training may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.

Schools were responsible for writing their own statement and deciding how to administer the funds.

The criteria for students claiming the bursary were:

1. Looked After - Letter from the local authority to confirm Looked After status
2. Income support - Letter showing young persons entitlement to Income Support
3. Disability and Employment allowances - Letter/Recent entitlement notification showing young person is entitled to Employment Support Allowance AND Disability Living Allowance (NB The young person must be in receipt of both these allowances to qualify.)

The funding is automatically paid to Green Meadows Academy by the DfE. Any unused funding is paid back to the DfE.

Grants are not to support living costs, only learning. It is not a replacement for statutory transport costs.

Grants are not to be used as a competitive edge over providers.

School responsible for:

- Staying within budget
- Paying £1,200 to vulnerable groups / identified by school, including evidence
- Parents/carers responsible for informing schools in any changes of financial circumstances

Full records must be kept. A 5% administration charge on the grant is allowed.

This is all subject to external audit.



For the year 2025-2026 Green Meadows Academy will use their allocated 16-19 Bursary to pay for train travel for their Post 16 students to attend Leeds City College twice a week as part of their transition into adult life. It will also be used for their Post 16 students to travel by bus to The House of Pottery three days a week as part of the Beyond 19 social enterprise collaboration where they are gaining valuable work experience. These costs are not statutory travel costs and are an essential part to achieving the student's study programme goals and supports the Post 16 course objectives.

Criteria/payments are subject to government changes.