

October 2026



Dear Student / Parent / Carer,

16-19 Bursary Fund Academic Year 2026-27

The 16- 19 Bursary Fund is paid by the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to schools and colleges so they may provide financial help to students whose access to or completion of education might be inhibited by financial constraints.

Lighthouse School has been allocated a fixed sum of money for this year's discretionary 16-19 Bursary fund.

All students may apply for a discretionary bursary. Bursaries are intended for students who are in most need of financial support and the eligibility criteria needs to reflect this, as stated below.

The funds are intended to assist with expenditure that is directly related to school life, including transport, study resources, meals while at school, course related trips, work experience, and university or college open days.

The Bursary Fund will be targeted at 3 qualifying groups;

1. Students that are in care; care leavers in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in place of Income Support, **in their own right**; in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit and Disability Living or Personal Independence Payments **in their own right**. These students may be eligible for a vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200 a year.
2. Students who qualify for Free School Meals. Application forms are administered by Leeds City Council and are available on their website.
3. Students with a household income of below £30,000.

The bursary awards to groups 2 and 3 are at the discretion of the school and will depend on the number of students that apply. The amount will not be known until after October Half Term.

All awards will be dependent on students adhering to the terms of our Home/ School Learning Agreement, behaviour and attendance policies.

If you believe that your child will qualify for the 16-19 Bursary Fund, please complete the attached application form. All completed application forms, which should include proof of income, must be received no later than Friday 30th October 2026.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Nina Johnson
Trust Business Manager



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