

Discretionary Bursary and Free School Meals - Extraordinary Support (COVID-19)

The Suffolk Academies Trust is committed to supporting our students, this could not be more important now.

Discretionary Bursary

Should the parents/carers of our students find themselves in new significant financial difficulties as a result of COVID-19 they can apply for the Discretionary Bursary by completing the normal Bursary application paperwork. This can be found on the college website under *Information > Finance*. Please also read the guidance document in relation to income threshold and evidence required.

Please note that given this difficult time if there are aspects of the completion of the form which would result in significant delay in us being able to agree payment, such as supplying all the required evidence, then we will be happy to consider an email from the parent/carer detailing the following in place of the usual evidence:

Reason for current situation, supported by detail from employer:

Changes in income status, please detail income before change and after:

Please note, the maximum amount we can award at this difficult time and given the limited resource available will be £130.00 per term (Tier 1); in exceptional circumstances we will treat each request on its individual merit.

Free School Meals over the Easter Break

We can confirm we will continue to pay the Free School Meals payments over the Easter Break.