



31 March 2025

Dear Parents,

As the Chair of Governors, I am writing to share important updates about our school community and address the matter of school fees for the upcoming academic year.

This has been a year of excellent achievements and developments at Dolphin. Our Year 6 students have secured an impressive range of scholarships to top London schools, with notable achievements in design technology, drama, art, and music. These accomplishments reflect the breadth and depth of our educational offering.

We have also made significant strides in enhancing our educational environment through several key initiatives:

- Introduction of a specialist computing teacher for Years 1- 6
- Expansion of our extra-curricular program with free or low-cost clubs
- Creation of middle leadership roles, including English leads for both lower and upper school
- Increased student voice and wellbeing focus for pupils and staff
- Implementation of upgraded technology and innovative AI teaching support packages
- Planned refurbishment of our EYFS classrooms

Just as Dolphin remains committed to providing exceptional education, we face the financial impact of increased business rates and national insurance contributions, combined with broader cost pressures. While we are absorbing these costs during this academic year, they do mean we need to adjust our fee structure from September.

Dolphin has always maintained competitive pricing while providing access to excellent teaching. Our talented and dedicated teaching and support staff are our most valuable assets, and we must ensure we can both retain existing staff and attract high-quality new members in the years to come.

For the academic year 2025/26:

Nursery termly fees will be £2,909.

Key Stage 1 termly fees will be £5,709: £6,851 inc VAT

Key Stage 2 termly fees will be £6,259: £7,511 inc VAT

We believe that our fees continue to be highly competitive compared with those of other local independent schools.

As a fully charitable institution, we have worked diligently to minimise these increases' impact for our families. We continue to secure donations to support our bursary program and maintain significant commitment to providing financial assistance where possible.

We deeply appreciate your continued trust in Dolphin School and remain dedicated to our core belief that 'happy children learn' Our focus remains on delivering exceptional education while keeping fees at the lowest level that is sustainable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Petronella van der Vliet". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Petronella van der Vliet
Chair
Dolphin School