

Childcare Vouchers and School Fees (2011/12)
Important information for all working parents

We have been made aware of a change in the legislation regarding childcare vouchers. A potentially beneficial extension of the definition of "qualifying childcare" came into force on 1 September 2008. Its effect is that these vouchers, which afford tax and NI savings (within the legislative framework), may now be used in payment or part payment of school fees. This includes the following:-

- **Charges for boarding** for any pupil up to and including the summer term of the academic year in which the child celebrates his or her 15th birthday.
- Any other charge by a school for the participation in **out-of-hours school activities** by a pupil up to and including the summer term mentioned above. This could, for example, include our before and after school activity sessions at the Junior School, and the 4 pm - 5.30 pm slot at the Senior School, as they fall outside the normal school day.
- A school's **ordinary tuition fees for any child aged three** (or rising three) up to and including the summer term of the academic year in which the child celebrates his or her 5th birthday.

A parent taking vouchers to the maximum, free of tax and NI, can save up to £1,196 per annum. The saving is open to both parents, if both are remunerated by their employer under PAYE, bringing a potential family saving of nearly £2,400 per annum (figures from September 2008).*

There are a number of important factors connected with the scheme which parents need to explore according to their own particular circumstances. Bootham cannot give any individual advice on this matter. If you decide to make use of vouchers as part-payment of your child's school fees, please enclose them with your fee remittance.

Please see table below for the fee elements which are eligible to be paid for with vouchers.

Childcare Vouchers - Qualifying Childcare per term (based on 2011/12 fees)

| | Current Fees per term | Day care element of qualifying voucher |
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| BOOTHAM SENIOR SCHOOL | | |
| Senior (Years 9 – 13) | | |
| Senior Day | £5125 | £919 |
| Senior Full Boarder | £8260 | £4054 |
| Senior Weekly Boarder | £7555 | £3349 |
| Senior Flexi Boarder – 3 nights | £6630 | £2424 |
| Senior Flexi Boarder – 2 nights | £5670 | £1464 |
| Junior (Years 7 – 8) | | |
| Junior Day | £4770 | £855 |
| Junior Boarder | £5180 | £1265 |
| BOOTHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL | | |
| Up to the age of 5 years | £955 - £2025 | All Fees |
| Before School care (Nursery – Year 6) | £3.50 per hour or half hour | All Fees |
| After School care (Nursery – Year 6) | £3.50 per hour or 15 minutes | All Fees |

* Please note that the regulations relating to the Childcare Voucher Scheme are changing all the time, therefore, please seek guidance from your employer regarding the latest figures.