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Vita et Pax Preparatory School

Sibling Discount Policy

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1 Purpose

This policy sets out the framework governing the award of sibling fee discounts at Vita et Pax Preparatory School. It ensures clarity, consistency, and appropriate governance of fee concessions.

2 Scope

This policy applies to families with more than one child enrolled at the School and should be read in conjunction with the School’s Terms and Conditions, Fees Policy, and Scholarship and Bursary Policy. In the event of any inconsistency, the Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

3 Regulatory Framework

3.1 This policy is implemented having regard to:

3.1.1 Department for Education (DfE) guidance applicable to independent schools

3.1.2 Independent School Standards Regulations 2014

3.1.3 Equality Act 2010

3.2 Nothing in this policy confers any statutory right or entitlement.

4 Discount Structure

4.1 A 5% fee discount is applied to the second child (younger sibling).

4.2 A 10% discount shall apply to the third child and each subsequent younger child.

5 Application of Discount

- 5.1 The discount applies to tuition fees only.
- 5.2 The discount applies only to the relevant younger child or children within the sibling group and shall not apply to the eldest child.
- 5.3 Eligibility is assessed on a termly basis and may be adjusted where family circumstances change, including but not limited to, where a sibling leaves the School.

6 Non-Stacking and Priority of Concessions

- 6.1 Sibling discount is not stackable with any scholarship, bursary, fee remission, promotional discount, or other fee support.
- 6.2 Where a child is eligible for both a sibling discount and another form of fee support, only the higher concession shall apply.
- 6.3 No child may receive both a sibling discount and another fee concession in respect of the same term.

7 Nursery and Reception (Government-Funded Places)

- 7.1 No sibling discount shall apply in respect of any government-funded Nursery or Reception place, whether funded in whole or in part through any government funding scheme.
- 7.2 This restriction applies irrespective of any other eligibility criteria.

8 Condition of Timely Fee Payment

- 8.1 Eligibility for any sibling discount is strictly conditional upon full and timely payment of all fees due for all children within the same sibling group.
- 8.2 Where fees for any child within the sibling group are not paid in full by the due date, the sibling discount for that term will be automatically withdrawn and shall not apply.
- 8.3 The sibling discount will not be reinstated retrospectively for that term, even if outstanding fees are subsequently settled.

9 Conditions and Withdrawal

9.1 The School may withdraw or amend a sibling discount where:

9.1.1 fees for any child within the sibling group are overdue;

9.1.2 there is a material breach of the Parent Contract or School policies;

9.1.3 a child leaves the School such that the sibling structure no longer supports eligibility; or

9.1.4 the discount no longer applies under the terms of this policy.

10 Non-Contractual Nature

10.1 The sibling discount is offered on an informal and non-contractual basis.

10.2 It does not form part of the Parent Contract and does not create any legally enforceable right.

10.3 Its previous application in any term shall not create any continuing entitlement for any future term.

11 Variation and Notice

11.1 The School may vary, amend, or withdraw this policy on one full term's notice.

11.2 The School may also make immediate changes where reasonably required for legal, regulatory, operational, or financial reasons.

12 Governing Body Authority

12.1 The Governing Body retains oversight of this policy and of its interpretation and application by the School.

12.2 Any dispute concerning the operation of this policy shall be determined by the School, subject to the ultimate authority of the Governing Body.