

THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is at the very heart of Heriot's and provides full fee remission to the sons and daughters of widows or widowers. We currently have 66 children at the school under this provision.

Places are awarded, at the discretion of the Governors, to prospective pupils from Primary Six upwards, who meet both residential and financial criteria and who have fulfilled the academic entrance requirements. The residence criteria requires pupils to have been resident in the EH, KY or FK postcode areas for at least five years prior to the date of the application. The Governors will also consider applications for prospective pupils who do not themselves meet the residence criteria, but one of whose parents has a significant and long standing connection with the City of Edinburgh. Foundation places can also be awarded to current pupils at any stage in the School whose families meet the qualifying financial criteria.

To qualify financially, total gross household income must not exceed the qualifying limit set by the Governors from time to time. Further information is available on the fees section of the web site. In assessing eligibility for the Foundation account is also taken of available capital assets.

All children applying for a place on the Foundation will follow the normal entrance procedures however, where possible, a place will be made available for a Foundation applicant.

Once a child is offered a place, the Trust will cover all costs for the child to attend Heriot's. Uniform is provided as are books in the Senior School (books are provided for all children in the Junior School). Assistance will be given with all curricular trips. We encourage children to join in extra-curricular-activities and in many instances the Trust may help with costs towards these.

Pupils joining us under the Foundation are not identified in any particular way to other pupils and families. However, our staff are very experienced at dealing with pupils who have suffered trauma in their young lives and additional help and support is available if required; a dedicated Foundationers' Co-ordinator is part of the Guidance staff. Once in the Senior School, our Foundationers are invited to a dinner once a year with the Governors and, if they so wish, can attend the Founder's Day Remembrance Service at Greyfriars Kirk. There is also a support network for our Foundation families who wish to participate.