



Brighter Futures
Educational Trust

PREMISES HIRE POLICY

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V1.1	January 2024	Name change and added in places to hire and the costs/day rate and half day rate.
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V1.2	January 2026	New layout due to rebrand Increased hiring rates Changed from annually to every 2 years.

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1. AIMS AND SCOPE

We aim to:

- Make sure the schools' premises and facilities can be used, where appropriate, to support community or commercial organisations
- Allow the hiring of the premises without using the schools' delegated budget to subsidise this
- Charge for the use of the premises to cover the costs of hire and, where appropriate, raise additional funds for the school
- Not let any hiring out of the premises interfere with the schools' primary purpose of providing education to their pupils
- Hire out facilities in a way that is safe, within current legislation.

2. AREAS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

The schools will permit the hire of the following areas:

- Main school hall at each school
- Playing fields at Larwood, Stevenage
- Astro at Larwood, Stevenage
- Play Barn at Larwood, Stevenage
- Classrooms at Larwood, Stevenage

3. CHARGING RATES AND PRINCIPLES

3.1 Rates

AREA	HOURLY RATE	HALF DAY RATE	DAY RATE
		(4 hrs)	(8 hrs)
Larwood, Stevenage Main Hall	£25	£85	£175
Brandles Main Hall	£25	£85	£175
Larwood, Stevenage Playing Fields	£25	£85	£175

Larwood, Stevenage Astro	£40	£135	£270
Larwood, Stevenage Classrooms	£20	£70	£140

Prices are ranged between £20 - £40 per hour, with an additional £100 deposit, returnable after the event has taken place. For a half day (4 hours) we offer a rate of between £70- £85. For a full day (8 hours) we offer a rate between £140 - £175. To book for an extended full day (8 + hours) we offer a rate of £200.

We may decide that certain organisations or activities can use the premises for a reduced rate, or free of charge, if it supports the core aims of the school.

We may decide to impose an additional cleaning fee on top of the hiring rates.

Rates are also subject to inflation and may be increased to reflect specific increased running costs, such as energy costs.

The School Halls and Play Barn are available between 4:30pm and 10pm Monday-Friday, and on weekends and in school holidays between 6.00am and 11:00pm.

The Playing Fields and Astro are available between 3:30pm and 10pm Monday - Friday and 8:00am - 10:00pm on weekends.

3.2 Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel any agreed hiring with a minimum of four weeks' notice. A full refund will be issued if we do cancel a hire. The schools shall not be liable for any indirect or consequential losses, including (without limitation) any loss of profits, loss of business or the loss of any revenue arising out of the cancellation of any hire.

The hirer of the premises can cancel any hire with a minimum of four weeks' notice.

3.3 Review

The revenue raised from hiring out will be reviewed by the Head of Finance and Operations (HFO) and will be included in the school's financial reporting, to ensure best value is being achieved.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

Those wishing to hire the premises should fill out the hire request form, which you can find in appendix 1 of this policy and read the terms and conditions of hire set out in section 5.

The hirer should fill out and sign the hire request form and submit to: Francesca.lewis@larwood.herts.sch.uk.

Approval of the request will be determined by the HFO.

If the request is approved, we will contact the hirer with details of how to submit payment and make arrangements for the date and time in question. All forms and a returnable deposit will need to be paid 30 days in advance of the booking. We will also send on details of the emergency evacuation procedures and other relevant health and safety documents. The hirer will also need to provide proof of their public liability insurance.

We reserve the right to decline any applications at our absolute discretion, in particular where the organisation does not uphold the values of the school, reputational damage may occur, or the activity does not adhere to the latest government safety advice.

5. TERMS AND CONDITION OF HIRE

Those wishing to hire the premises should fill out the hire request form, which you can find in appendix 1 of this policy and read the terms and conditions of hire set out in section 5.

The hirer should fill out and sign the hire request form and submit it to the relevant school office or email to: flewis@bfetrust.org.uk. Approval of the request will be determined by the HFO.

If the request is approved, we will contact the hirer with details of how to submit payment and make arrangements for the date and time in question. All forms and a returnable deposit will need to be paid 30 days in advance of the booking. We will also send on details of the emergency evacuation procedures and other relevant health and safety documents. The hirer will also need to provide proof of their public liability insurance.

We reserve the right to decline any applications at our absolute discretion, in particular where the organisation does not uphold the values of the school, reputational damage may occur, or the activity does not adhere to the latest government safety advice.

The following terms and conditions must be adhered to in the hiring of the school premises. Any breach of these terms will result in cancellation of future hires without refund.

1. "Hirer" means the person or entity identified in the relevant hire request form.

2. The hirer shall pay the full amount as stipulated by the school and shall not be entitled to set off any amount owing to the Trust against any liability, whether past or future, of the Trust to the licensee.
3. The hirer shall occupy the part(s) of the premises agreed upon as a non-exclusive licensee and no relationship of landlord and tenant is created between the hirer and the Trust by this licence.
4. The hirer shall not sub-licence any of the premises under the licence.
5. The hirer shall not use the premises for any purpose other than that agreed upon in the licence, as set out in the hire request form.
6. Any additional uses of the premises not agreed in writing by the school will result in the immediate termination of the licence.
7. The Trust shall retain control, possession and management of the premises and the hirer has no right to exclude the school from the premises.
8. The hirer shall be responsible for all matters relating to health and safety and shall be responsible for those in attendance during the specified time. This includes any aspects related to Covid 19 or any other pandemic/government enforced regulations due to specific circumstances at any time.
9. The hirer must take out its own public liability insurance with a reputable insurer approved by the Trust and, where requested by the Trust, shall provide of copy of the relevant insurance certificate no less than seven days before the start date of the licence.
10. The hirer shall not conduct, nor permit or suffer any other person to conduct, any illegal or immoral act on the premises, nor any act that may invalidate any insurance policy taken out by the Trust in relation to the premises.
11. The hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified the school from and against:
 - a. any damage to the premises or school equipment.
 - b. any claim by any third party against the school; and
 - c. all losses, claims, demands, fines, expenses, costs (including legal costs) and liabilities, arising directly or indirectly out of any breach by the hirer of the licence or any act or omission of the hirer or any person allowed by the hirer to enter the premises
12. Save that nothing in the licence shall exclude or limit either party's liability for personal injury or death arising from the negligence of either party or any other liability that cannot be excluded by law, the school shall not be responsible for any losses of a direct or indirect

nature, and its maximum liability to the hirer shall not exceed the total fees paid or to be paid to the school by the hirer under the licence.

13. Any cancellations by the school made with at least four weeks' notice period, will be refunded.

14. Any cancellations by the hirer received with less than four weeks' notice will not be refunded.

15. The hirer will read the emergency evacuation procedures and be ready to follow them in the event of a fire or other similar emergency.

16. The hirer will leave the premises in the condition it was found in, leaving the area clean and tidy and not leaving any of their own equipment behind.

17. The hirer shall not display any advertisement, signage, banners, posters, or other such notices on the premises without the prior written agreement from the relevant school.

18. If the hirer breaches any of the terms and conditions the schools reserve the right to terminate the licence and retain any fees already paid to the school, without affecting any other right or remedy available to the school under the licence or otherwise.

19. The hirer shall observe the maximum capacity rules of the part(s) of the premises being hired and not allow this to be breached.

20. The hirer will acquire all appropriate additional licences for any activities they are running, including those required for use of any third-party intellectual property.

21. The hirer is responsible for carrying out any risk assessments of the premises relating to the activities they are running.

22. The hirer shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to its use of the premises.

23. The Trust premises hire policy, the relevant hire request form submitted by the hirer and the relevant hire confirmation letter issued by the school shall apply to and are incorporated in the licence.

24. This licence shall be governed, construed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

25. The Trust and the hirer irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising from this licence.

6. SAFEGUARDING

The Trust is dedicated to ensuring the safeguarding of its pupils at all times.

It is the responsibility of the hirers to ensure that safeguarding measures are in place while hiring out the space.

To ensure the highest level of safeguarding possible, we will ask to see appropriate documentation for events such as classes and clubs involving children. This will include evidence of DBS checks for all staff, Child Protection procedures, Safeguarding policy/procedures and any relevant risk assessments. These documents would be needed at least 7 days in advance of the first session at school and would be checked by the HR Manager. If they prove to not be satisfactory, the booking will not be allowed to take place. Feedback and advice may be given to help rectify any minor issues but ultimately this will be the responsibility of the Hirer.

7. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

We will review and update this policy when the guidance on which it is based changes or when this version of the policy otherwise stops being applicable. Safeguarding documents as noted above will also be reviewed annually.

Any updates to this policy will be shared with all Trustees.

Appendix 1: Hire Request Form

Before filling out a request form, please familiarise yourself with our terms and conditions for the hire of our premises and our rates of hire, which you can find in sections 2 and 5 of this policy. If you have any questions, please contact Francesca Lewis on flewis@bfetrust.org.uk.

Name of applicant/organisation and company number (where applicable)	
Applicants contact details Address: Phone no: Email address:	
Preferred method of contact	
Purpose/activity of organisation	
Part of the premises requesting to be hired	
Date and time of first hire	
Is this a recurring request, or one off? If recurring, indicate the frequency and number of occurrences (e.g. weekly, 10 weeks)	
Number of expected participants in the activity	
Additional equipment you will require from the school (please note we may not always be able to provide this but will inform you where this is/is not possible)	
Additional equipment you will be providing yourself	

By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions set out in the Trust's premises hire policy.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____



Please return this form via email to flewis@bfetrust.org.uk or to the school office at Larwood School or Brandles School. We will be in touch to inform you if your application is successful, and if so, details of the full cost and documents that will need to be shared.