West Cork Sudbury School (WCSS)
Membership Dues Assistance Programme

At WCSS, we want to make the Sudbury model of education accessible to all. We don't want a family's financial situation to be a barrier. In an effort to achieve this, we offer Membership Dues Assistance to families who need it.

Please be aware that negotiations have to be reasonable to ensure the financial sustainability of WCSS. All current and prospective families are welcome to apply at any time during the school year.

Process

To apply for Membership Dues Assistance, download this document, fill out the application form below and return the completed form to

office@westcorksudburyschool.ie by email

OR

West Cork Sudbury School, Coomhola Lodge, Mill Little, Coomhola, Bantry, Co. Cork, P75 YW30 by post.

When filling out the application below, please suggest an annual amount of Membership Dues that is **as close to your individual Membership Dues as possible**, and that can be sustainable both to your family and to the school.

WCSS's Membership Dues work on an equitable approach and are therefore based on every familiy's Gross Household Income (GHI).

The GHI is the total combined income of the household before taxes are deducted.
GHI excludes domiciliary care allowance, but includes social welfare payments such as unemployment assistance.

Please note: Supporting documentation may be requested at any time.

Applications are confidential and and handled by WCSS's GDPR officer. WCSS's Board of Management reviews applications as soon as possible and reserves the right to negotiate the terms of your application in line with WCSS's financial sustainability.

Membership Dues

Each family's Membership Dues are calculated at 12% for one child or 20% for more than one child of their particular GHI figure, with minimum and maximum cut-off points:

Enroling ONE child:

- Minimum contribution for one child: **€3,400**
- Maximum contribution for one child: **€8,000**

Enroling MORE than one child:

- Minimum contribution per family: **€5,650**
- Maximum contribution per family: **€13,333**

Please note:

- Families who do not wish to disclose their GHI, will be charged the maximum contribution.
- A deposit, equivalent to 1/3 of a family's annual Membership Dues, is due up front to secure the place(s).
- Please find more detailed information about WCSS's Enrolmennt process in our Enrolment Policy.
- Families with a GHI significantly higher than €70,000 are expected to contribute to the school's solidarity fund or any other financial needs arising, such as those from the student community.

Applicant(s) Agreements

I/We agree to

- Completing the application with honesty and transparency.
- Paying a meaningful amount towards full Membership Dues that reflects my/our value of WCSS and also respects my/our financial situation.
- Increasing Membership Dues payments as my/our financial situation improves enough to do so.
- Making Membership Dues payments on time.
- Reapplying for Membership Dues Assistance annually.

Contractual Agreement

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) are required to sign a contract committing to the agreed-upon membership dues rate. For detailed information on our admissions process, please see WCSS's Enrolment Policy. The terms outlined in WCSS's Enrolment Policy apply to all families, unless negotiated otherwise via this application.

WCSS is committed to nondiscrimination. We encourage families of all compositions to apply. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, age, colour, neurotypes, sexual orientation, religion, disability, national and ethnic origin nor identity in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, assistance programmes, and other school administered policies.

Name(s):

Signature(s): _____

Date:

WCSS Membership Dues Assistance Application

Student name(s):

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name(s):

Date of request:

Application Request

Number of Children:

Membership Dues Assistance for _____ student(s).

I/We request paying the annual rate of € _____ for my/our family.

Family GHI: € _____ monthly **OR** € _____ annually

Do you need a payment plan that differs from paying annual Membership Dues up front or in three installments (15th August, 15th December, 15th April)? If so, what payment plan would work best for your family? Please note, interest might have to be added to monthly payments.

Explain the circumstances that create a need to apply for Membership Dues Assistance.
Include as much information as you are comfortable with in order to help us understand your need for Membership Dues assistance.
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

I/We certify that my/our request for Membership Dues Assistance is based on my/our financial circumstances. The information provided is true and I/we take full responsibility for the accuracy of the financial needs of our family.

Name(s):

Signature(s): _____

Date: