

Policy & Finance Committee.
Budget considerations surrounding the Sark House

Secondary Education Budgets (based on 6 children)	2022 Sep-Dec	2023	2024	2025 Jan-Aug	Total Cost for 3yrs
Tuition	14,802	44,400	41,933	24,667	125,802
Accommodation/Travel	12,400	37,200	35,133	20,667	105,400
Less Parental Contribution	(8,266)	(24,800)	(23,767)	(14,467)	(71,299)
TOTALS	18,936	56,800	53,300	30,867	159,903
Average budget per child	3,156	9,467	9,398	6,173	28,193

Costs of the Sark house based on a maximum of 4 children in the first 2 years and 3 in the last year. The costs are based on the church house which has a lower monthly rental than houses previously looked at but higher one-off cost.

Sark House Costs (Based on the Church House)	2022 SepDec	2023	2024	2025 Jan-Aug	Total Cost for 3yrs
No of Children per year	4	4	4/3	3	
House running costs	19,244	60,619	63,650	44,555	188,067
House parent salaries & on costs	8,920	28,098	29,503	20,652	87,173
One off costs	32,725	0	0	0	32,725
Tuition	10,536	32,134	30,837	17,423	90,930
TOTALS	71,425	120,850	123,989	82,630	398,894
Cost per child	17,856	30,213	34,311	27,543	109,923

Costs for follow on years have RPI added at 5% (A full breakdown of the costs for the Sark House, based on the Church House, is attached)

Costs in respect of additional 2 children going to school in the UK

Cost of 2 children attending UK Boarding School	2022 SepDec	2023	2024	2025 Jan-Aug	Total Cost for 3yrs
Child A	4,010	12,231	12,842	8,842	37,925
Child B	4,250	12,963	13,611	9,371	40,194
One off costs (deposit & visits)	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
TOTALS	9,760	25,193	26,453	18,213	79,619
Average cost per child	4,880	12,597	13,226	9,107	39,809

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Summary table

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Sark House	17,856	30,213	34,311	27,543	109,923
UK Boarding School	4,880	12,597	13,226	9,107	39,809
Average costs per child	13,531	24,341	26,703	20,169	84,743
Average budget per child	3,156	9,467	9,398	6,173	28,193
Negative variance to budget per child	(10,375)	(14,874)	(17,305)	(13,995)	(56,549)

Total cost of proposal	2022 SepDec	2023	2024	2025 Jan-Aug	Total Cost for 3yrs
Sark House	71,425	120,850	123,989	82,630	398,894

UK Boarding School	9,760	25,193	26,453	18,213	79,619
Total Cost of proposal per year	81,185	146,043	150,442	100,843	478,513
Total Annual Budget per year	18,933	56,800	53,300	30,867	159,900
Additional Expenditure required	62,251	89,243	97,142	69,977	318,613
Average additional expenditure required per child	10,375	14,874	17,305	13,995	56,549

Tax Increase implications

The budget, that was approved in November 2021 included 3% tax increases across the board to pay for the proposed expenditure.

The additional £89,243 expenditure in 2023 alone would mean tax would need to increase by 13% as opposed to 3%

The cost of 2023 education on Sark (4-16) would be 22% of the entire expenditure budget for the island (it was previously 17%).

Update on Carers and House

At the time of writing, we have had one expression of interest for the role of carer. On a fuller explanation of the role, the caller withdrew their interest.

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