

## Sark Education

### Education offer from Chief Pleas of Sark:

Sark School provides education for the Island's children from the ages of 3 (optional) or 4 (compulsory) to the age of 13 (Year 8). Les Beaucamps High School (Guernsey) provides education for Sark children from the age of 13 to 16 years (Year 9,10 and 11). In accordance with the United Nations Rights of the Child, Education at Sark School and Les Beaucamps High School is free for the recipients. Parents can elect to send their children to one of the private colleges in Guernsey and receive a contribution from Sark towards the tuition fees. Other more bespoke options can be considered on a one-to-one application basis.

### Sark School:

Sark School aims to ensure that pupils are both engaged and challenged in their learning, using a wide variety of teaching strategies, skills and up-to-date learning resources. Small class sizes enable Sark School to provide a capability-led, individualised, and bespoke curriculum, always placing the child at the centre of every decision that is made. Sark School provides a first class, all-round education for the Island's children, supported by the highest standards of pastoral care. The Sark School team strive to offer children the chance to achieve in all areas. The school's unique enrichment programme opens its doors to the local community; by tapping into the very best skills the Island has to offer, Sark School pupils have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and learn new skills, whilst also placing the school at the centre of the Island's community.

### 13+ Education:

When young people reach the end of Year 8 (13 years), they complete their education off island. Whilst the Island of Sark pays for the children's tuition, the cost of accommodation and travel is the responsibility of the parents. If families have been on the Island for a number of years prior to the child's move to Guernsey, the Government of Sark contributes financially (on a graduated scale) to the cost of accommodation and travel. As an example of these charges please see the scale and contribution levels below . The scale may be altered at any time and parents will be charged in accordance with the latest scale agreed by the Education Committee of Chief Pleas. Invoices to parents are raised by the Treasurer on a termly basis and must be paid to the Treasurer within 30 days of invoice date. Interest may be incurred on the late payment of invoices.

### Accommodation and Travel:

Accommodation and Travel Scale as at <b>01/09/2022</b>		
Years in Sark School from age 5 years	% Parent Contribution	Charges for 2022/2023
Less than 2 years	100%	£7,420.14
2 to 3 years	90%	£6,678.13
3 to 4 years	80%	£5,936.11
4 to 5 years	70%	£5,194.10
5 to 6 years	60%	£4,452.08
7 years or more	50%	£3,710.07

It is known that these costs will rise by around 25% in 2023/2024 due to new charges imposed by Guernsey for the supervision and safeguarding of hosts and students.

Sark students join their new school at the beginning of Year 9, Sark students typically stay with host families during termtime. Host families are volunteers from the Guernsey community (who have passed rigorous checks and are approved by Guernsey HSC) though the availability of host families is not something that Sark has any control over, in which case alternative solutions will need to be sought. Travel back and forth between Guernsey and Sark is dependent upon boat timetables and the weather; should travel disruptions arise, Sark children would stay in Guernsey over the weekends though for the majority of the summer and shoulder months, they are able to travel home on a Friday evening and return to Guernsey on a Sunday evening, should they wish.

At its Easter 2023 Chief Pleas meeting it was approved that whilst the Education Committee would assist, where possible, in finding accommodation (TTH) it was no longer under an obligation to do so.

### **Home Education:**

In Sark, the Education Committee is responsible for ensuring that every child, whether they are at school or home educated, receive an efficient full-time education suitable to his or her age, ability and to any special educational needs which he/she may have. This means that every family who chooses to home educate their children will undergo an assessment of suitability of education and safeguarding and receive regular visits from a member of the Board of Education, and a representative of the Education Committee. Electively home educated children may take examinations as private candidates through Les Beaucamps High School in Guernsey. The cost of approved examination entry at Les Beaucamps High School only, is met by the government. Parents can choose to make alternative arrangements for examinations at their own cost.

### **Post-16:**

Children leave school at the end of the academic year in which they are 16 years old (Year 11), or on the last Friday in June of that year, whichever is the sooner. Post-16 education is not provided or funded by the Island.

### **Moving to Sark:**

Prior to moving to Sark, if you have children under the age of 18 years, please contact the School Administrator on [admin@sarkschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@sarkschool.co.uk). They will ensure that you have all the information that you need and arrange a meeting with the Head of School (if your child is of Sark School age) and inform the Education Committee if your child is heading for secondary education in Guernsey or being educated at home. Registration documents for prospective pupils must be submitted to the school before moving to Sark.

A registration form can be found on their admissions' page: <https://www.sarkschool.co.uk/admissions>.

A registration document must also be completed for children aged 13+ or who will be home educated.

### **Important Information:**

The school also has a presence on Instagram via their handle [@sarkschool](https://www.instagram.com/sarkschool).

Employment opportunities at Sark School are advertised on-island for non-teaching roles and in the Times Educational Supplement for teaching posts. All employment opportunities are also posted on the school's website: <https://www.sarkschool.co.uk/vacancies>.

Please direct any questions about the school or education on Sark to the School Office on [admin@sarkschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@sarkschool.co.uk).

More information on Sark School can be found on their website: [www.sarkschool.co.uk](http://www.sarkschool.co.uk).

Information about Les Beaucamps High School can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/lbhs.sch.gg/home>