

Lettings Policy

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V10	April 2024	Chief Finance Officer	Appendix A – Page 11 updated to include costings for 2024/2025 academic year – following review of costings and local landscape a 5% increase has been applied from 1st September 2024 Information added to 3.30 and in the Initial Request Form in Appendices to ensure hirers provide details of how they will monitor and manage attendance in the event of an evacuation and how they will ensure this meets the needs of all attendees.
V11	September 2024	Jamie Jenkinson	No amendments
V12	May 2026	Director of Estates	Updated pricing increase to reflect 5% and also additional information stating hirer cannot charge others for parking
V13	September 2026	CFO	Appendix 1 – Updated wording to state that the prices represent benchmark charges across the Trust. However, individual academies maintain delegated authority to offer flexible pricing to optimise facility utilisation and local community engagement, provided that all costs of the providing the letting facility are fully covered and evidence of this is retained through a cost calculator.



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1. Introduction

The Directors regard all the premises and grounds held by the Trust as a community asset and will make every reasonable effort to enable them to be used as much as possible. However, the overriding aim of the Directors is to support the academies in providing the best possible education for its pupils, and any lettings of the premises to outside organisations will be considered with this in mind.

The academies' funding (which is provided for the education of its pupils) will not be used to subsidise any lettings by community or commercial organisations. A charge will be levied to meet the additional costs incurred by the academy in respect of any lettings of the premises. As a minimum, the actual cost to the academy of any use of the premises by outside organisations must be reimbursed to the academy budget.

2. Definition of a Letting

A letting may be defined as “any use of the academy premises (buildings and grounds) by either a community group (such as a local football team), or a commercial organisation (such as ‘Weight Watchers’). A letting must not interfere with the primary activity of the academy, which is to provide a high standard of education for all its pupils.

Use of the premises for activities such as staff meetings, parents' meetings, Governing Board meetings and extra-curricular activities of pupils supervised by academy staff, fall within the corporate life of the Trust. Costings arise from these uses are therefore a legitimate charge against the academy Budget.

2.1 Charges for Letting

The Trust is responsible for setting charges for the letting of any of the academy premises. A charge will be levied which covers the following:

- Cost of services (heating and lighting)
- Cost of staffing where appropriate
- Cost of administration
- Cost of wear and tear
- Cost of use of academy equipment (if applicable)
- Profit element (if appropriate)

The specific charge levied will be reviewed annually by Directors in the meeting held during the spring term, for implementation from the beginning of the next financial year, with effect from 1st September of that year. Current charges will be provided in advance of any letting being agreed and are detailed in Appendix A – pricing for 2025/2026

2.2 Management and Administration of Lettings

The overall responsibility lies with the DCEO of the Trust for all management of lettings, however day-to-day management and administrative responsibility sit with the Academy Business Manager in accordance with the Trust's policy.

Organisations seeking to hire academy premises should approach the Academy Business Manager (or other designated member of staff), who will identify their requirements and clarify the facilities available, ensuring

that a site specific risk assessment is completed for all rooms/halls due to be let to ensure they are fit for the purpose the hirer requires.

Academy Business Managers should ensure that all risk assessments that are submitted to the academy are site specific, and should be approved by the DCEO.

An initial Request Form (Appendix B) should be completed at this stage. The Trust has the right to refuse an application, and no letting should be regarded as booked until approval has been given in writing. No public announcement of any activity or function taking place should be made by the organisation until the booking has been formally confirmed.

Once the letting has been approved, a letter of confirmation will be sent to the hirer, setting out the full details of the letting and enclosing a copy of the terms and conditions and the hire agreement. The letting should not take place until the signed hire agreement has been returned to the academy.

The person applying to hire the premises will be invoiced for the cost of the letting in accordance with the Trust's current scale of charges. The academy may wish to seek payment in advance of any booking in order to reduce any possible bad debts or for any longer-term leases the payment terms will be agreed on a per booking basis.

The hirer should be a named individual and the agreement should be in their name, giving their permanent private address. This avoids any slight risk that the letting might be held to be a business tenancy, which would give the hirer security of tenure.

Income and expenditure associated with the lettings will be regularly monitored to ensure that at least a "break even" situation is being achieved.

3. Terms and Conditions

3.1 For the hire of the academy premises

All terms and conditions set out below must be adhered to. The "Hirer" shall be the person making the application for a letting, and this person will be personally responsible for payment of all fees or other sums due in respect of the letting.

3.2 Status of the Hirer

Lettings will not be made to persons under the age of 18, or to any organisation or group with an unlawful or extremist background. The hire agreement is personal to the hirer only, and nothing in it is intended to have the effect of giving exclusive possession of any part of the Academy to them or of creating any tenancy between the Academy and the hirer.

3.3 Priority of Use

The DCEO will resolve conflicting requests for the use of the premises, with priority at all times being given to academy functions.

3.4 Attendance

The Hirer shall ensure that the number of persons using the premises does not exceed that for which the application was made and approval given.

3.5 Behaviour

The Hirer shall be responsible for ensuring the preservation of good order for the full duration of the letting and until the premises are vacated.

3.6 Public Safety

It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure that all those attending are made aware of the fact that they do so in all respects at their own risk. Appropriate risk assessments must be completed by the hirer in advance of use and copies provided to the Trust/Academy with the booking form. Risk assessments must be site specific.

3.7 Damage, Loss or Injury

Exceed Learning Partnership or its academies will not be responsible for any injury to person/s or damage to property arising out of the letting of the premises.

The hirer should ensure that appropriate insurance is in place for the purpose of the hire and is sufficient to cover all its legal liabilities for accidents resulting in injuries to persons and/or loss of or damage to property, including the hired premises. Copies of insurance documentation must be presented to the Academy prior to start of hiring the premises.

All persons hiring the academy premises must carry sufficient Third Party Liability insurance to satisfy Exceed Learning Partnership requirements

3.8 Furniture and Fittings

Furniture and fittings shall not be removed or interfered with in any way. No fittings or decorating of any kind necessitating drilling, or the fixing of nails or screws into fixtures which are part of the academy fabric, are permitted. In the event of any damage to premises or property arising from the letting, the Hirer shall pay the cost of any reparation required.

3.9 Academy Equipment

This can only be used if requested on the initial application form, and if its use is approved by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Responsible adults must supervise the use of any equipment which is issued and ensure its safe return. The Hirer is liable for any damage, loss or theft of academy equipment they are using, and for the equipment's safe and appropriate use.

3.10 Electrical Equipment

Any electrical equipment brought by the Hirer onto academy site MUST comply with the code of practice for portable electrical appliance equipment. Equipment must have a certificate of safety from a qualified electrical engineer. The intention to use any electrical equipment must be notified on the application form.

3.11 Car Parking Facilities

Subject to availability, these may be used by the Hirer and other adults involved in the letting. The Trust/Academy accepts no liability to any damages to vehicles as parking is at the owner's risk. It is important to note that the Hirer is not permitted to charge for parking on any of the Trusts sites and this is strictly forbidden.

3.12 Toilet Facilities

Access to the Trust/Academies toilet facilities is included as part of the hire agreements. All toilet facilities must be left in clean working order, any costs incurred by the Trust/Academies for damages/cleaning as a result of misuse may be passed to the hirer.

3.13 First Aid Facilities

There is no legal requirement for the academy to provide first aid facilities for the Hirer. It is the Hirer's responsibility to make their own arrangements, such as the provision of first aid training for supervising personnel, and the provision of a first aid kit, particularly in the cast of sports lettings. Use of academy resources is not available.

3.14 Food and Drink

No food or drink may be prepared or consumed on the property without the direct permission of the Trust, in line with current food hygiene regulations. All litter must be placed in the bins provided.

3.15 Intoxicating Liquor/Substances

No intoxicants shall be brought on to or consumed on the premises.

3.16 Smoking

The whole of the academy premises including grounds (car parks and sports fields) are non-smoking areas, and smoking including e-cigarettes is strictly not permitted.

3.17 Heels and Shoes

No stiletto or any type of thin heel is to be worn in the sports hall. If activities involve outdoor use, participants should ensure footwear is cleaned before re-entering the premises.

3.18 Copyright or Performing Rights

The Hirer shall not, during the occupancy of the premises, infringe any subsisting copyright or performing right, and shall indemnify the academy/Trust against all sums of money which the academy may have to pay by reason of an infringement of copyright or performing right occurring during the period of hire covered by this agreement.

3.19 Sub-letting

The Hirer shall not sub-let the premises to another person or charge for any sublet, parking or use of the site.

3.20 Charges

Hire charges are reviewed annually by the Directors for the Trust.

3.21 Variation of Scales of Charges and Cancellations

The Hirer acknowledges that the charges given may be increased from time to time and that the letting may be cancelled, provided that in each circumstance the Hirer ensures at least 28 days' is provided, cancellations with less than 28 days' notice may incur the charges unless otherwise agreed with the academy upon booking.

3.22 Security and Site Supervision

The academy will provide a person to be responsible for the security and supervision of the premises before, during and after the hire, and for the cleaning of the premises after its use. This cost will be included in the charge for the letting. If no suitable person can be provided, then the letting will not be allowed or will be cancelled. Only named key holders may operate the security system. Keys should not be passed to any other person without the direct permission of the Trust.

3.23 Right of Access

The academy reserves the right to access to the premises during any letting. The Deputy CEO or members from the Trust Central Team or Board of Directors may monitor activities from time to time.

3.24 Conclusion of the Letting

The Hirer shall, at the end of the hire period, leave the accommodation in a reasonably tidy condition, all equipment being returned to the correct place of storage. If this condition is not adhered to, an additional cost may be charged.

3.25 Vacation of the Premises

The Hirer shall ensure that the premises are vacated promptly at the end of the letting. The Hirer is responsible for supervising any children taking part in an activity until they are collected by a responsible adult. In the event of an emergency, occupants must leave the academy by the nearest exit and assemble in the nearest car park. Hirers are responsible for familiarising themselves with the emergency exits and must ensure that participants are aware of evacuation procedures. The Hirer must book the facility from the point of entry to the building, to the point of leaving, including allowing time for showering and changing where applicable.

3.26 Promotional Literature/Newsletters

A draft copy of any information to be distributed to participants or through the academy must be sanctioned by the Academy Principal a week prior to distribution by the Hirer.

3.27 Facilities available to hire

- Sports Halls
- Playing Field
- MUGA
- Hall Cross Dance and Swimming Facilities

3.28 Operating Hours

Operating times can be obtained from the academies directly.

3.29 Safeguarding

The academy must seek approval from the Trust and ensure the following is in place:

- The third party has appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place (these will be inspected and recorded)
- The hire agreement will include set safeguarding requirements as a condition of using the academy premises
- The hire agreement will state that the agreement will be terminated if the hirer fails to comply with the safeguarding requirements.

Set safeguarding requirements will include:

- Academy safeguarding procedures and contacts
- Who should have a DBS check
- The Academy Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Third parties include parent-teacher associations (PTAs) even if they are not paying for use of the site. PTAs are separate legal entities and are responsible for their own safeguarding arrangements when running events outside of school hours.

The Trust should “seek assurance” that hirers have appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place (this applies regardless of whether or not the children/young people who attend any of these services or activities are children/young people of the academy/school) by:

- Asking for copies of the hirer’s policies and procedures
- Checking the hirer’s website for safeguarding statements or documents
- Asking the hirer to sign a declaration saying they will follow the Academy Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and procedures.

The above is set out in the Trust letting agreement.

The hirers are responsible for conducting DBS checks where required and these should be checked to ensure they are relevant if hirers are to come into contact with children/young people.

Checks will include:

- Asking to see DBS certificates
- Asking for written confirmation that checks have been carried out

The Trust may receive an allegation relating to an incident that happened when an individual or organisation was using its academy/school premises for the purposes of running activities for children (for example community groups, sports associations, or service providers that run extra-curricular activities). As with any safeguarding allegation, the Trust will follow its safeguarding policies and procedures, including informing the LADO.

For more information and prices with regard to hiring any of the Trust’s Academies’ facilities, please contact: enquiries@elp.org.uk or telephone 01709 805175

3.30 Monitoring and Managing Attendees

It is the hirers responsibility for monitoring and managing attendees in the event of a fire or emergency situation. The hirer must have everything in place in order to monitor and manage and be clear on their responsibilities and demonstrate how they will meet this upon booking.

Policy reviewed June 2025

Signed CEO:

B.A. Nixon

Signed Chair of Directors:

[Signature]

Policy to be reviewed: June 2026

Appendix A

The standard fees listed below represent the benchmark charges across the Trust. However, individual academies maintain delegated authority to offer flexible pricing or volume discounts to optimise facility utilisation and local community engagement, provided that:

- The agreed price covers 100% of direct costs incurred (including caretaking, utilities, wear and tear, and administrative processing).
- A completed cost calculator showing evidence of cost coverage is retained on record for audit purposes.

Pricing Rates for Academic Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Bentley High Street Primary School	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Bentley High Street Primary School	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Bentley High Street Primary School	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Carr Lodge Academy	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Carr Lodge Academy	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Carr Lodge Academy	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Edlington Victoria Academy	MUGA Facility (With Lighting)	£27.57 per hour	£28.95 per hour
Edlington Victoria Academy	MUGA Facility (No Lighting)	£22.05 per hour	£23.15 per hour
Edlington Victoria Academy	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Edlington Victoria Academy	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Edlington Victoria Academy	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day
Edlington Victoria Academy	Classroom	£20.95 per hour	£21.99 per day



Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Hill Top Academy	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Hill Top Academy	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Hill Top Academy	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day
Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Rosedale Primary School	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Rosedale Primary School	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Rosedale Primary School	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Sandringham Primary School	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Sandringham Primary School	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Sandringham Primary School	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Sheep Dip Lane Academy	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Sheep Dip Lane Academy	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Sheep Dip Lane Academy	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
Willow Primary School	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
Willow Primary School	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
Willow Primary School	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Primary Academy	Facility	1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026 Rate	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027 Rate
The Mallard Academy	Hall	£165.38 per day £82.68 for half day	£173.65 per day £86.83 for half day
The Mallard Academy	Playing field with no access to facilities	£110.25 per day	£115.77 per day
The Mallard Academy	Playing field with access to facilities	£165.38 per day	£173.65 per day

Hall Cross Academy - Hourly Charges

Facility	Hourly Rate	
	From 1 st September 2025 – 31 st August 2026	From 1 st September 2026– 31 st August 2027
6th Form Common Room - Upper	£38.59	£40.60
Classroom	£20.95	£22.00
Additional Classroom	£9.92	£10.50
Conference Room	£38.59	£40.60
Drama Studio	£23.15	£24.40
Fitness Suite	£38.59	£40.60
Gymnasium	£33.10	£34.80
Hall	£33.10	£34.80
Library	£38.59	£40.60
Outside Football Pitches - Lower	£26.45	£27.80
Sports Hall - Lower	£38.59	£40.60
Swimming Pool - Upper	£77.18	£81.10
MUGA Facility at lower school (without lighting)	£23.80	£25.00



Appendix B

Exceed Learning Partnership Initial Request Form

APPLICATION NUMBER _____ PREMISES/SITE REQUIRED _____

1 NAME HIRING ORGANISATION: _____

2 NAME OF PERSON MAKING THE APPLICATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE: _____ CONTACT TEL NO: _____

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: _____

3 TYPE/NUMBER ROOMS/AREAS (e.g. Hall / Pitches / Field Etc.

4 Are toilet facilities required? YES ☐ NO ☐ adult ☐ child ☐

5 Is a refreshment area required? YES ☐ NO ☐

6 Purpose for which accommodation will be used: _____

7 Approximate number of persons expected to attend:

8 Inclusive Times: From _____ to _

	Date of First Session	Date of Last Session	No of Sessions per week & days	Total
Autumn Term Sept. to Dec.				
Spring Term Jan. to March				
Summer Term April to July				

Please state whether including or excluding academy holidays. Academy Buildings are not available on Bank Holiday Mondays, Tuesdays or Good Friday or when other bookings are already taken, or operational requirements take precedent.

If meetings are not held on a regular cycle, please give details below:

This form should be submitted to the Academy as soon as possible and not less than 14 academy working days before the date of the proposed first booking. It should be marked for the attention of: THE ACADEMY BUSINESS MANAGER.

THE HIRER AGREES:

- 1 To enclose the appropriate payment unless an account arrangement has been made.
- 2 To pay the Academy the cost of making good any damage to the premises, furniture, fittings or other property of the Academy arising from the use of the premises.
- 3 That the use of the accommodation shall be subject to the regulations.
- 4 To abide by the decision of the Academy should any question arise on any point.
- 5 To provide a copy of the hirers site specific risk assessment with this booking form.

To provide a copy of the hirers insurances with this booking form

To provide a copy of the hirers first aid policies

To provide details of how they will monitor and manage attendance in the event of an evacuation and how they will ensure this meets the needs of all attendees.

To provide a copy of the hirers safeguarding policies, procedures and DBS checks.

To read and follow the academy's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

To give at least 28 days' notice in the event of cancellation, otherwise charges may apply. If the booking is agreed with less than 28 days notice, then a minimum of 7 days notice must be provided for cancellation otherwise charges may apply.

This agreement will be terminated if the hirer fails to comply with the Academy safeguarding procedures and other procedures agreed within this agreement.

Signature: _____

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name: _____ On behalf of _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Daytime Telephone No: _____ Date: _____

Payment type: _____ Receipt No: _____

Total Cost agreed with School _____

Authorised by Principal following check of academy insurance _____



Appendix C

Lettings safeguarding checklist

Hire details			
Dates of hire			
Organisation Name			
Names of Hirers			
Venue			
Safeguarding areas completed			
☐	1 – Hirer's Ofsted Registration (if applicable)	☐	5 - Risk Assessment completed
☐	2 – Hirer's DBS Checks/safeguarding policies viewed and recorded	☐	6 – Academy Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy read by all adults involved
☐	3 – Senior staff member with safeguarding responsibilities contact details provided	☐	7 – Hirer's Insurance/First Aid/Fire safety arrangements in place
☐	4 – Hirer's registration arrangements in place	☐	8 – Emergency contact information held
Completed by...			
Hirer			
Name		Role	
Signature	✕	Date	
Academy/Trust			
Name		Role	
Signature	✕	Date	