

RYDES HILL PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

CHILDREN'S MISSION STATEMENT

Think deeply, live wisely, love generously

MISSION STATEMENT

- ❖ Rydes Hill Preparatory School and Nursery is a Catholic School where children learn how to live in loving relationship with God and each other.
- ❖ Christian virtues of love and justice, faith and courage, hope and perseverance are fostered.
- ❖ Pupils and staff comprise individuals of different faiths and beliefs but the Rydes Hill community aspires to unity within the life of the School based on shared moral values.
- ❖ The importance placed on the development of individual talents is at the heart of what School stands for and all are encouraged and challenged to be the best they can be.

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Abbreviations, Acronyms and Definitions

Abbreviation / Acronym	Definition
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
FRHPS	Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School
SLL	Small Lotteries License
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
TEN	Temporary Events Notice

Aim / Objective / Statement of Intent

This policy covers the whole School including EYFS.

1. The School recognises and acknowledges that there is a duty to provide facilities for use for both the public and commercial usage outside of normal hours of operation. The School shall be the final arbiter in allocation of facilities for use by hirers and shall determine the appropriate level of charges.
2. The School also recognises that this usage should be appropriate and be provided for under strictly monitored conditions.
3. This document seeks to establish the policy for the provision of the School and its facilities for letting to Hirers. It establishes the terms and conditions for that hire and sets out the allocation and charging arrangements.
4. This policy is applicable to the letting / hiring of school buildings and premises to third parties whether a charge is levied or not. The policy only applies to those groups or

individuals who are the ‘Hirer’ or participants in the activities for which the facilities have been let.

5. The objective of this policy is to ensure that:-
- Appropriate liaison is in place between the school and the hirer
 - Any licensing / regulatory requirements have been identified and associated responsibilities agreed
 - Emergency and security issues have been adequately considered

Responsibility

6. **All** Hirers and members of participating activities are expected to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy.
7. **Pupils** – any pupils participating in these activities will abide by the terms set out by the ‘Hirer’.
8. **Visitors** – Visitors to the School who are not participating are expected to abide by the terms of this Policy.
9. **Vehicles** – Any vehicles brought on to the premises for these activities are the responsibility of the owner.

Introduction

10. Rydes Hill Preparatory School & Nursery regards the buildings and grounds 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 Governing Body is to support the school 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.
11. The School’s delegated budget (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 School in respect of any lettings of the premises. As a minimum, the actual cost to the School of any use of the premises by an outside organisation must be reimbursed to the School’s budget,

Definition of a Letting

12. A letting is defined for the purposes of this Policy as “a non-exclusive” licence use of the School premises (buildings and grounds) by either a community group (such as a local prayer group), or a commercial organisation (such as the Arden Holford School of Ballet)². Where a member of staff requests to act as ‘Hirer’ whether for personal use (such as their

own child's birthday party) or for commercial gain (such as running a Netball Club during the Summer Holidays) the staff member will be subject to the same requirements as any other 'Hirer' as defined in this policy.

13. A letting must not interfere with the primary activity of the School, which is to provide a high standard of education for all its pupils.
14. Use of the premises for activities such as staff meetings, FRHPS meetings and events, Governing Body meetings and extra-curricular activities of pupils supervised by School staff, fall within the corporate life of the School. Costs arising from these uses are therefore a legitimate charge against the School's delegated budget. It is stressed that the letting is non-exclusive and that the School may enter and remain on the part of the premises that is subject to the letting at any time.

Management and Administration of Lettings

15. The Bursar is responsible for the management of lettings. Where appropriate, the Bursar may delegate all or part of this responsibility to other members of staff, whilst still retaining overall responsibility for the lettings process.
16. If the Headmistress or Bursar has any concern about why a particular request for letting is appropriate or not, they will consult the Chair of Governors who is empowered to determine the issue on behalf of the Governing Body.

The Administrative Process

17. Organisations seeking to hire School premises should approach the School Secretary, who will identify their requirements and clarify the facilities available.
18. A booking Agreement Form (see Appendix A) should be completed at this stage. The School 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 concerned until the booking has been formally confirmed.
19. Once a letting has been approved, an email of confirmation will be sent to the hirer by the school, setting out full details for the letting and enclosing a copy of the terms and conditions (see Appendix B) and the hire agreement. If the School is being hired to run a holiday or after-school club, the School Secretaries will be informed by the Bursar and the Admin Assistant will request the appropriate safeguarding certificates.
20. The letting should not take place until the signed agreement has been returned to the school.

21. The hirer must be a named individual and the agreement must 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.
22. All lettings fees, which are received by the School, will be paid into the School's individual bank account, in order to offset the costs of services, staffing etc. (which are funded from the School's delegated budget).
23. Income and expenditure associated with lettings will be regularly monitored to ensure at least a "break even" situation is being achieved.

Summary

24. The Bursar will be responsible for all matters concerning lettings. Facilities will only be let where they are not needed for school purposes.
25. The aim of the Lettings policy is twofold: to generate income for the education of pupils and to enable the provision of community facilities, which benefit pupils and their families.
26. No facility will be let to any person or organisation for a purpose, which in the opinion of the Headmistress or Bursar is inconsistent with the aims and values of the School.
27. No letting will be subsidised from the resources provided for the education of the pupils. All hirers will be required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Headmistress or Bursar that they have adequate insurance to compensate the School for any damage they may cause.
28. Requests for lettings must be notified to the School Office with details of:
 - Hirer's name;
 - Facilities required;
 - Activity for which the letting is required;
 - Date(s), duration and frequency;
 - Evidence of adequate Public Liability Insurance (a photocopy of the policy);
 - Safeguarding Policy. (copy to be passed to Admin Assistant)
29. The School Secretary will establish what the needs of the hirer are and any specific licencing / regulatory requirements, which may include:
 - Public Entertainment Licence (the hirer to apply). This is required for the staging of a dance, disco, concert or similar type of entertainment if the event is open to the public. A licence is not required if the event is only open to members of the organisation arranging it (e.g. FRHPS or School) and their guests.
 - Theatre Licence. This is required for the production of dramatic performances (play, ballet or similar) where the public can attend (for the purposes of a Theatre Licence, parents are deemed to be members of the public)

- Temporary Events Notice. This is required if the hirer intends to sell alcohol (including where the cost of the alcoholic drink is included in the entry price for the event or with the cost of the food), provide regulated entertainment, or provide hot food or drink after 11pm or before 5am. A TEN can be used to authorise licensable activities at a premises provided that no more than 499 people will be on the premises at any one time during the event. For larger events, a premises licence would be required. The hirer is to apply for a TEN or premises licence where required and is responsible for ensuring that this is displayed at the event. **NOTE THIS IS REQUIRED FOR FRHPS EVENTS.** Further information can be found via <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/ten>
- Small Lotteries License. If the hirer intends to hold a raffle, tombola, sweepstake etc. as part of their event, they will be responsible for applying for an SLL and for displaying this at their event. Further details can be found via <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/ssl>

30. The hirer will be briefed on the security policy and emergency procedures of the school by either the School Secretary, Deputy Bursar, or Site Manager. Specific areas which will be clarified are:

- The prevention of unauthorised access, including out of normal hours use
- The location and maintenance of escape routes / emergency access
- Specific restrictions on use / rules of the school
- Knowledge of the evacuation route
- Access to the defibrillator
- The maximum permitted number of occupants outside of normal school hours:

Individual classrooms	25 persons
The Friends Hall	200 persons
The Dining Hall	120 persons

- The requirement for the Hirer and occupants to vacate all buildings by 23:59 hours.

31. The School Secretary will ensure, in conjunction with the Site Manager or Maintenance Assistant that:

- Relevant escape routes are unlocked and available for use
- The hirer is familiar with the layout, fire arrangements and location of designated assembly points
- The hirer is familiar with fire alarm call points, telephone locations and emergency contact numbers

32. The School Secretary will request details of insurance arrangements for the hirer and give these to the Bursar. The Bursar will decide whether the insurance policy is appropriate.

33. The School Secretary will request details of the safeguarding training completed by the hirer's employees, if the School is being hired to run a holiday or after-school club.
34. Lettings will be chargeable under one of two categories:
- **Cost recovery:** this rate will apply to groups providing non profit-making facilities to the Community including pupils and/or their families, which in the opinion of the Bursar are supporting of the aims and ethos of the School. A charge covering the full cost will be levied including energy, any additional cleaning, caretaking, an allowance for wear and tear, the use of school equipment and administration. Where these costs can be shared between groups hiring facilities simultaneously the charge may be reduced to a level where costs are recovered.
 - **Income generating:** this rate will apply to other lettings. In addition to recovering costs as above, lettings will be charged at such a rate as to generate income for the School.
35. The Bursar will calculate a schedule of costs for facilities and will report annually to the Finance Committee on the operation of the Lettings and Hire of School Policy, including the pattern of costs and income and any suggestions for amendment to this Policy.
36. Animals are not allowed on site at any time during the hire of Rydes Hill School without prior written permission by the Bursar or Headmistress.

Charges for Lettings

37. Rydes Hill is responsible for setting charges for the letting of the School premises. A charge will be levied which covers the following:
- Cost of services (heating and lighting)
 - Cost of staffing (additional security, caretaking and cleaning) – including “on-costs”
 - Cost of administration
 - Cost of “wear and tear”
 - Cost of use of school equipment (if applicable)
 - Profit element (if appropriate)
38. Where there are multiple lettings taking place at the same time, the costs for services and staffing will normally be shared between the organisations involved.
39. The specific charge levied will be reviewed annually, during the Spring term, by the Bursar for implementation from the beginning of the next academic year, with effect from 1st September of that year.
40. Current charges will be provided in advance of any letting being agreed.

Monitoring and review of this policy

41. The Bursar shall be responsible for reviewing this policy on a regular basis to ensure that it meets legal requirements and reflects best practice. This policy will also be reviewed by the Headmistress.

List of Appendices:

Appendix A – Booking Agreement Form

Appendix B – Terms & Conditions for the Hire of Rydes Hill School Premises

Appendix A – Booking Agreement Form



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Hiring of Facilities Booking Agreement

Hirer Name / Club:		Address:
Contact Name:		
Telephone Number:		
Contact Number for Date of Hire:		
E-Mail Address:		
Start Date: Start Time: (Please allow for setting up time before the event commences)		Finish Date: Finish Time: (Please allow for cleaning up time after the event finishes)
Estimated number involved:		Purpose of Event:
Facilities available:	Please tick	Hire Charges: Dining Hall: £30 per hour. Classrooms: £16 per hour (classrooms are only available at certain times) Friends Hall (Gym Hall): £30 per hour. Lodge: £20 per hour. Forest School/ Our Lady's Lawn/ Front Lawn: £15 per hour. Tennis/ Netball courts: £10 per hour per court or £50 per day per court. Floodlights are available to hire for £4.00 per hour. Film Companies & Photo Shoots: Prices upon application. 10% discount for families at Rydes Hill or member of staff.
Dining Hall		
Classrooms (If known please indicate how many /which classrooms)		
The Friends Hall (also known as the Gym Hall)		
The Lodge		
Tennis / Netball Courts		
Forest School/ Front Lawn/ Our Ladies Lawn		
Adventure Play Area		

The Hirer and occupants must vacate the building by 23:59 hours. Please ensure all lights are switched off after use. A cleaning levy of £30 per hour will be charged if the premises are left in an unsatisfactory condition.

Appendix B – Terms & Conditions for the Hire of Rydes Hill School Premises



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE HIRE OF RYDES HILL SCHOOL PREMISES

All Terms and Conditions set out below must be adhered to and may not be varied without our written agreement. The “Hirer” shall be the person making the application for a letting, and this person will be personally responsible for all aspects of the letting and payment of all fees or other sums due in respect of the letting.

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 School to them or of creating any tenancy between the School and the hirer.

Persons may have to undergo, at the discretion of the Governing Body, a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

If a particular letting involves contact with the School’s pupils, all personnel involved must be checked against List 99 and have a current DBS check, in accordance with legislation and current DfE guidance.

These checks must be made by prior arrangement with the Bursar, with at least half a term’s notice in advance to ensure that the checks can be carried out in time.

Any adults working with the School’s pupils (for example, at an after-school sports club) must be qualified through a recognised, appropriate body.

Safeguarding

At part of Rydes Hill School & Nursery Safeguarding Policy, we require all clubs and community users to confirm that all adults working with children have a current DBS

Certificate and are able to provide details of the club's safeguarding policy. This information must be made available to the School's Compliance Officer.

General

No failure or delay by us in exercising any of our rights under this contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of that right. In the event of circumstances beyond our control resulting in us being unable to provide our services, we shall have no liability in respect of any losses or damages arising directly or indirectly from such circumstances. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of England.

Statutory Legislation

Rydes Hill School & Nursery is subject to statutory regulations, without limitation, liquor licensing, Fire Regulations, Health, Safety and Environment. Clients and their guests and any associated third parties must therefore comply with these requirements as may be directed and enforced by Rydes Hill School & Nursery. Any equipment brought to Rydes Hill School premises by you, guests or third party contractors, will be held to comply with all statutory requirements including Health & Safety regulations and to provide liability insurance, commensurate with the risks involved.

Priority of Use

The Headmistress or Bursar will resolve conflicting requests for the use of the premises with priority at all times being given to School functions. Dates are confirmed. However, there may be days when these facilities are not available due to a "last minute" School function and in the event of this happening the Bursar's Office will give you at least two weeks' notice.

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.

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.

Public Safety

The maximum permitted number of occupants outside of normal school hours are:

Individual classrooms	25 persons
The Friends Hall	200 persons
The Dining Hall	120 persons

The Hirer and occupants must vacate the building by 23:59 hours.

Prior to the event, the Hirer will be made aware of all Health and Safety and Security issues through training / induction. The Hirer will then be responsible for dissemination of this training / information to all supervisors of the event or letting.

Public Safety (continued)

The Hirer shall be responsible for the prevention of overcrowding (such as would endanger public safety) and for keeping clear all gangways, passages and exits.

The Hirer should be aware that there is no provision for spectator facilities and within the agreement there should be no spectators allowed unless there is competition under the regulations of a sporting or other body. In this situation, liability for any risk or harm to spectators will lie with the Hirer.

The Hirer shall be responsible for providing adequate supervision to maintain order and good conduct, (including the receiving and dismissal pupils/participants) and – where applicable – the Hirer must adhere to the correct adult / pupil ratios at all times.

The Hirer should be aware of the Fire Safety Policy and emergency evacuation procedures. Any agent acting on behalf of the hirer should be aware of all applicable public safety and security policies.

Own Risk

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.

Damage, Loss or Injury

The School has arranged appropriate public liability insurance to cover all legal liabilities for accidents resulting in injuries to persons (including all participants in the activity for which the premises are being hired), and/or loss of or damage to property, including the hired premises, arising out of the letting. A pro-rata cost of the insurance premium has been included in the hire charge. Any damage of loss not covered by public liability insurance will be charged to the hirer.

Lettings for commercial entertainment purposes will be subject to the hirer having suitable public liability insurance (evidence of which should be presented to School before the hiring).

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 school 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.

School Equipment

This can only be used if requested on the initial application form, and if its use is approved by the School. Appropriately qualified 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 school equipment they are using, and for the equipment's safe and appropriate use.

Grounds

No markings may be made on the grass of the school playing fields or hard areas (e.g. car parks or playgrounds) without prior permission.

Key holding

Should a key be required to enter the buildings a £50 refundable deposit per key will be required. A code is also required for entry through the security gates. The key is available from the Deputy Bursar in advance of the event and must be returned within 7 days of the end of the hire period. The buildings used and the security gate must all be locked on completion of the booking. Please contact the Bursar's Office 48 hours prior to your booking to arrange entry into school outside of school hours.

Electrical Equipment

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

Car Parking Facilities

Subject to availability, these may be used by the Hirer and other adults involved in the letting. No guarantee of availability is given.

Toilet Facilities

Access to appropriate toilet facilities is included as part of the hire arrangements.

First Aid Facilities

There is no legal requirement for the School 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 case of sports lettings. Use of the School's resources is not available apart from the defibrillator which is located beside the ladies toilets.

Food and Drink

No food or drink may be prepared or consumed on the property without the direct permission of the School, in line with current food hygiene regulations.

Litter

All litter must be placed in the bins provided. Any large quantities of rubbish (i.e. more than 1 bin liner's worth) must be removed from the School premises and correctly disposed of by the Hirer.

Intoxicating Liquor

No intoxicants shall be brought on to or consumed on the premises, unless under the direct supervision of the licensee or a senior member of staff.

Use of Illegal drugs

Illegal drugs and so called “legal highs” must not be brought onto and/or consumed on the premises. The Police will be notified and all future hire requests denied.

Gaming

No gaming is allowed in the School, except in accordance with the Gaming Act 1968, Section 41 when Gaming is carried out as an entertainment for raising money to be applied for purposes other than private gain. Your attention is drawn to the potential requirement for a Small Lotteries Licence. Further information is available via <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/ssl>

Smoking

The whole of the School premises is a non-smoking area, and smoking is not permitted. This includes the car park areas. Please ensure all your guests are aware of this condition.

Heels and Shoes

Appropriate footwear should be worn for all indoor sporting activities. If activities involve outdoor use, participants should ensure footwear is cleaned before re-entering the premises.

Copyright or Performing Rights

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

Sub-letting

The Hirer shall not sub-let the premises to another person.

Animals

Animals are not allowed on site at any time during the hire of Rydes Hill School without prior written permission by the Bursar or Headmistress.

Charges

Hire charges are reviewed annually and the current charges are set out in the Booking Agreement Form.

Payment of Charges

Invoices will be issued in advance of an event and all payment terms must be adhered to. In the event of late payment, Rydes Hill shall be entitled to charge interest on a daily basis at 2% above base rate (Bank of England).

Variation of Scales of Charges and Cancellations

The Hirer acknowledges that the charges given may be increased from time to time (they will be reviewed by the Bursar on an annual basis) and that the letting may be cancelled, provided that in each circumstance at least 28 days’ notice either way is given.

Should you cancel your booking within 7 days of the start date of your booking, there will be a 100% cancellation fee. If your booking is cancelled between 27 days and 8 days before the booking a 50% cancellation fee will incur.

Termination

In the event that you become bankrupt, cease to trade, have a receiver appointed or make any voluntary arrangement with your creditors, we shall be entitled to immediately terminate the Contract by giving notice in writing to you or your representatives.

Security and Cleaning of Facilities

The School will hire and pay for a person to be responsible for the security of the premises before, during and after the hire. This cost will be included in the charge for the letting. It is the hirer's responsibility to clean the premises after its use. If the premises are not cleaned to the School's satisfaction the hirer will be charged a cleaning fee.

Only named key holders may operate the security system. Keys should not be passed to any other person without direct permission of the Headmistress or the Bursar.

The Hirer will only have rights of access to those parts of the building described in the lettings agreement. Any unauthorised access to other parts of the building will be deemed a breach to security and dealt with accordingly.

Right of Access

The School reserves right of access to the premises during any letting. The Headmistress, Bursar or authorised members of the School Staff may monitor activities from time to time.

Conclusion of the Letting

You will be responsible for ensuring the venue is left in the same condition as prior to the booking. Any damage to the venue will result in a charge to remedy the damage. Rydes Hill accepts no liability for the loss or damage to any equipment or personal belongings brought onto the property by your or your guests. **The use of Rydes Hill's facilities is restricted to the facility booked and when on site external parties must be restricted to the areas hired by the hirer.**

Vacation of Premises

The Hirer is responsible for supervising any children taking part in an activity until they are collected by a responsible adult.

Emergency Evacuation

All hirers should be aware of the emergency evacuation points from the part of the building they are hiring and the designated assembly points. All hirers should ensure that any other responsible adults are made equally aware of these.

In the event of an emergency evacuation the Hirer will be responsible for the evacuation of, and accounting for, all members and staff of the group involved. They should follow the usual emergency evacuation procedures and meet at the designated assembly points. The

incident will be managed by the member of School staff on duty and the Hirer should follow the instructions of the incident manager.

Following an emergency evacuation, there should not be a return to the building until an “all clear” has been given by the incident manager. In the event of it not being possible to return, once everyone has been accounted for, they should leave the site as quickly as possible.

Data Protection Privacy Notice

Our address is enquiries@rydeshill.com or Rydes Hill School, Aldershot Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8BP

Our processes, purpose and legal basis for collecting your personal data on the Facilities Booking Agreement are (where C=Consent, X=Contract, S=Statutory, V=Vital Interests, L=Legitimate Interests)

- To produce hirer records and contact information (X,L)
- For the purposes of safeguarding (L)

The data will be stored for 7 years from the contract date. After which it will be destroyed.

- Rydes Hill School Guildford provides you with rights to access, rectify and erasure of your personal data; and to restrict or object to processing, and to make your data portable. You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority (e.g. ICO).

END OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS