



Learning in England ∞ Fees for Paths to Learning

33 Guidance on our fee packages

1. Full Independent **Boarding** School Finding Service [FBS]
2. Full Independent or State-funded **Day** School Finding Service [FDS]

The above two Full Fee Packages can be broken into these component parts.

3. Introductory Call [IC]
4. Assessment of your child: in four parts [A1, A2, A3, A4]
5. Research for Schools and Academic Report to Schools [RS]
6. Report for Parents with Recommendations [RP]
7. Specialist Guidance for example on Learning Support [SG]
8. Arranging your visits to the Schools we have recommended [AV]
9. Visiting the Schools with you [VS]
10. Tutoring and Mentoring [T&M]
11. Homeschooling [H]
12. University Entrance and Oxbridge applications [UE]
13. Creating a Learning Plan [LP]
14. Follow up support when coming to the UK to visit schools [FUS]

You will see from our Terms and Conditions that we may be flexible about what we charge. If it becomes apparent through the Process that the circumstances are more complex, for example because your child has a Learning Need, then we may need to charge more, to take into account the extra time spent, in finding the best school. If the matter is very straightforward, we can charge less than indicated below.

Please note that we are not agents for any schools. We receive no fee or commission from any school. Our advice to parents is objective and impartial. We are looking for the best schools for your children. We follow the admissions process laid down by each school.



1 > Full Independent Boarding School Finding Service

This service is likely to be for internationals and expatriates who continue to live outside the UK.

The Introductory Call [IC]

Gathering information from you to discuss the family circumstances and what guidance and help you need; and to advise how we work. *See also Paragraph 3 below.*

£200.00

Assessment of your child, which includes licence fees

- > **A1:** *oral conversation between your child and PTL on Skype/Zoom/WhatsApp
 - > **A2:** on communication styles [Culture Active]
 - > **A3:** *on discovering your Superpowers [Plum Trees Life Counsel]
 - > **A4:** on verbal and non-verbal reasoning
- *Each part is charged £100. An essential element of our service is getting to know you child. See also Paragraph 4 below.*

£200.00

RS: Research into Schools and Colleges to suit your child, your family circumstances. **Referring** to the chosen Schools and Colleges, checking the admissions processes and the availability of a place for your child. *See also Paragraph 5 below.*

£450.00

RP: Our Report for you

including informing you of the results of your child's Assessment with detailed Information about three Schools which would consider your child's application and their respective Admissions Process.

If only one school recommendation is required, then this charge is reduced to £200. See also Paragraph 6 below.

£600.00

AV: Arranging your visits to each of the three schools

If only one school visit is required, then this charge is reduced to £100. See also Paragraph 8 below.

£300.00

VS: Visiting each of the three schools **with you**, if requested.

Additional charges will be made for the consultant's time, travel costs and accommodation, if more than 40 miles from the office. See also Paragraph 9 below.

£600.00

Total

£2,350.00



2 > Full Day School Finding Service [Independent or State Schools]

The Introductory Call [IC]

Gathering information from you to discuss the family circumstances and what guidance and help you need; and to advise how we work.

See also Paragraph 3 below.

£200.00

Assessment of your child, which includes licence fees

- > **A1:** *oral conversation between your child and PTL on Skype/Zoom/WhatsApp
- > **A2:** on communication styles [Culture Active]
- > **A3:** *on discovering your Superpowers [Plum Trees Life Counsel]
- > **A4:** on verbal and non-verbal reasoning

**Each part is charged £100. An essential element of our service is getting to know you child.*

See also Paragraph 4 below.

£200.00

RS: Research into Schools and Colleges to suit your child, your family circumstances. **Referring** to the chosen Schools and Colleges, checking the admissions processes and the availability of a place for your child. *See also Paragraph 5 below.*

£450.00

RP: Our Report for you

including informing you of the results of your child's Assessment with detailed Information about three Schools which would consider your child's application and their respective Admissions Process.

If only one school recommendation is required, then this charge is reduced to £100. See also Paragraph 6 below.

£300.00

AV: Arranging your visits to each of the three schools

If only one school visit is required, then this charge is reduced to £100. See also Paragraph 8 below.

£300.00

VS: Visiting each of the three schools **with you**, depending on the location.

Additional charges will be made for the consultant's time, travel costs and accommodation if more than 40 miles from the office. See also Paragraph 9 below.

£600.00

Total

£2,350.00

3 > The Introductory Call

Gathering information from you, the parents, and discussing your family circumstances. We ask you:

- > where you propose to live: will you remain where you are or relocate to, or within, the UK?
- > For your contact details
- > For the address[es] of both parents and where either or both work
- > For your budget. *For details of school fees please see our answer to FAQ 31*
- > the date of birth and gender of each child
- > where your child is at school now and what year group, he or she is in
- > what type of school you are looking for: single sex or mixed; primary or secondary; day or boarding, state-funded or independent [fee paying]
- > how long you expect your child to be at the UK school
- > his or her recent Reports
- > if your child has particular talents and may be eligible for a scholarship whether academic, artistic, musical or sporting
- > if your child has particular learning or physical needs

We give preliminary advice in the call and let you know about how we work and what our fees will be.

Then we send you a Password so you can access the Client Area, on the Paths to Learning website. There you will find the Proposal, the Invoice and the Contract. You can upload to the Client Area, your child's Reports and any other documents that the schools ask us to supply.

We will invoice for this fee separately if you decide not to proceed

£200.00





4 > Assessment of your child

Assessment, which includes licence fees

A1 oral conversation with PTL on Skype/Zoom/WhatsApp.

We talk to your child asking about his or her school, how he or she spends free time, what he or she reads, watches and listens to, what he or she likes to do, to eat and celebrate, what he or she would like to do when grown-up, whether he or she would like to be in a single sex or mixed school.

We ask your child to read a poem or story in his or her own mother tongue; and to read a poem or story in English. We ask questions about what has been read. We may also ask your child to comment on a piece of music or art.

This part of the assessment helps us to get to know your child so we can make a good match with a school in the UK.

A2 on communication styles [Culture Active]

This assessment is for older pupils: those coming in to the Sixth Form or to University. The purpose is to recognise different cultural markers and how they shape a person's identity. Knowing the cultural markers enables us to communicate effectively with people who come from a different culture.

A3 on discovering your Superpowers [Plum Trees Life Counsel]

Your child will be given a password so he or she can access the weblink. The test may take a couple of hours. It requires deliberate thought. He or she describes experiences in his or her life history. Your child makes reference to the attributes of immediate family members; and then sorts and prioritises a list of skills. *More detailed information and case studies are provided on the answer to FAQ 12 on our website.*

A4 on verbal and non-verbal reasoning [Pearson]

This assessment looks at your child's Mathematical skills, vocabulary, and spatial awareness. We have not needed to recommend this test as we usually have Reports and information about the curriculum that your child has covered. This form of assessment has to be undertaken, by your child, in the UK, in our presence.

The Schools will charge a Registration Fee [see each school website], ask you to complete a registration document and undertake their own Assessments. They will check your child's level of English. At GCSE and A Level most require IELTS Level 6 in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening.

Schools will also require recent Reports. We can arrange for these to be translated into English, in the UK, if necessary. [The fee is determined by the Translator]

Our Report for you with the results of your child's Assessment - £100 for each part.



5 > RS: Research into Schools and Academic Report for Schools

We have visited many schools, so we are familiar with their ethos, facilities and strengths. We have met the Headteachers, so we know their vision and what is important to them. We have found out about the academic results of public examinations [GCSE A Level and IB] and the destinations of leavers. We check that the schools can offer what you have asked us to find, the admissions processes and the availability of a place for your child.

Then we reflect on your child's Academic Report and consider the best schools for him or her. We ask three schools if they would each consider your child, based on your child's Academic Report. *If you want us to approach one school only, then our fee will be £150.*

£450

6 > RP: Report for Parents with Recommendations

We provide you with your child's Academic Report and detailed Information about three Schools we recommend to you.

If only one school recommendation is required, then this charge is reduced to £200.

£600

7 > Specialist guidance on Learning Support for Learning Needs and Learning Disabilities

Your child may have had difficulty in some aspect of his or her learning. Some children find Mathematics difficult and have been identified as dyscalculic; others may find reading, writing and organising their ideas difficult and are identified as dyslexic. Schools in the UK are experienced in providing support to children with Learning Needs. Most schools have specialist teachers who can help children develop strategies and confidence to address their Learning Need.

We can find specialist tutors who can come to your home to help your child develop strategies and confidence to deal with his or her need. 1:1 teaching is likely to be up to £40 an hour while group sessions with three or four children may be up to £60 an hour.

We can also help with finding schools that deal with specific Learning Disabilities. We are aware of an independent school that has a child who is blind; and another that has twins who are profoundly deaf. We are also aware of a maintained school that has a lift, so a pupil who is a wheelchair user can get to all his lessons. *Our fee will be based on the time spent by our consultant and we will give guidance on this in the Introductory Call.*



8 > AV: Arranging your visits to each of the three schools

We speak to the schools and plan a time to visit each one, so you can be interviewed by the Head and have a Tour of the school. We can arrange your transport to and from the school.

If only one school visit is required, then this charge is reduced to £100

£300

9 > VS: Visiting each of the three schools with you

We travel with you or meet you at the schools and introduce you to the respective Headteachers. *Additional charges will be made for the consultant's time, travel costs and accommodation if more than 40 miles from the office.*

£600

10 > Tutoring and Mentoring [including support for undertaking an EPQ or with Interrupted Education]

Both Tutoring and Mentoring are bespoke. Fees range between £20 and £60 an hour depending upon the age of the child, the subject being taught and whether Tutoring or Mentoring is being given at a specific level [GCSE/A Level] or to meet a specific Learning Need. Please call +772 161 7447 to discuss your requirements.

11 > Homeschooling Support

Our fees are based upon the time spent and whether advice is being given to support one child, or a group of children, or a group of Homeschooling parents and whether one session is required or a series of sessions. A half day seminar for Homeschooling parents could be charged at £250 and a full day at £500. Please call +772 161 7447 to discuss your requirements.

12 > University Entrance and Oxbridge applications

Our fees are based upon the time spent in advising how to make an application and to support the completion of the online Application Form, the Personal Statement, the request for references; and if needed, application for entry to a University through Clearing. We would anticipate spending a full day for which the fee would be £500. Please call +772 161 7447 to discuss your requirements.

13 > Creating a Learning Plan

Learning Plans are provided for any child who has taken

- > taken time off school because Education has been Interrupted by illness, accident or other circumstances or



- > arriving in the UK in the middle of an academic year and needing some Interim Provision before starting at a school any time before the next academic year or
- > have a Learning Need or Difficulty such as dyslexia *See paragraph 7 above*

14 > Follow up support when coming to the UK to visit schools

We can offer guidance about

- > obtaining visas
- > finding a guardian
- > accommodation on your visit
- > transport from the airport to your hotel and to each school that you visit
- > where to live if you are relocating to the UK

We can accompany you to the schools that we recommend. Please call +772 161 7447 to discuss your requirements.

“British education has a strong reputation worldwide, with parents choosing British schools for the broad, balanced curriculum and teaching that equips pupils with the skills and qualifications to enter, or re-enter, the UK education system at school, college, or university level. Quality British Schools... provide opportunities for a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, strong welfare support, and promote an understanding of modern British society.”¹



Surely I can find a school for myself? Is it really worth paying a consultant for advice?



Yes, you can find a school, but will it be the *best* school? You are making a life-shaping decision for your children and investing a significant amount of money into their futures. You cannot afford to make a mistake.

You need the best advice you can get, provided as quickly as possible, and with as much detail as possible, so you can make an informed and confident decision.

¹ <https://www.cobis.org.uk/about-us/british-international-schools/why-a-british-education>



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