



HIRING POLICY

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Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go' (Joshua 1:9)

As the harvest grows from the soil, Hayfield Cross came to life in 2015. From nothing, we have grown at the heart of our new community, persevering through challenge into a flourishing school. Guided by our Christian values the seeds of Joy, Integrity and Fellowship are planted as we instil this pioneering spirit in our children, challenging them through exciting learning to aspire to greatness in all that they do.

Introduction

Hayfield Cross Church of England School premises are available for hire (subject to the requirements of staff holidays, cleaning and maintenance) for a wide range of functions. We welcome meetings, dances, performances, sports and other events of all kinds but would ask potential hirers to bear in mind that all work, cleaning and supervision in connection with any letting has to be performed by staff as overtime, in addition to their full-time commitment to the normal work of the School, which in turn often makes extra demands of its own in the evenings and at weekends.

We may not always be able to offer you the facilities you require at the time you want them, but will do our best to meet your needs, provided we can safeguard and maintain the premises for their primary function, that of a primary school. Similarly, when the premises are used by the community, we have to ask for certain regulations to be observed. Some are legal requirements upon which we have to insist as part of our obligations under the various Licensing and Safety Acts; others are designed to make sure that community use does not hamper our main task of educating children.

In order to allow necessary repairs and maintenance, redecoration and cleaning to take place, the premises may be closed during some school holidays. Special applications for use of the premises within these periods may be considered on an individual basis.

All enquiries about available facilities and dates should be referred to the School Business Manager. Application for use of any of the school premises should be made on the attached form which, when completed, should be sent to the School Business Manager who will liaise with the Head Teacher.

Conditions of Hire

Applications for the hire of any of the Community Access Areas (Halls, Sports Pitch) at Hayfield Cross Church of England School must be in writing on the enclosed form. The scale of charges and hours of letting are set out on the enclosed sheet.

In the event of a revision of the charges for the hire after the date of application and before a hiring is confirmed the hirer shall pay the revised charges. For individual applications, a deposit of 25% of the total charge payable is due with the application. The balance must be paid within 30 days of date of invoice.

The hirer may cancel a booking upon giving fourteen days' notice in writing. If the building or the room hired is not re-let on the date or dates in question the following charges can be made:

- More than 14 days' notice: 100% refund
- Less than 14 days, but more than 7 days' notice: 50% refund
- Less than 7 days' notice: 0% refund

The Governing Board reserves the right, by notice to the hirer, to terminate the hiring at any time for reasons outside their control and to return to the hirer any monies paid. The governors shall not be under any liability to the hirer for any loss or damage he/she may sustain as a result of such a termination.

The hirer shall not assign the benefit or burden of the hiring or sub-let the premises or any part thereof.

Facilities Available

The capacity of the rooms available is:

Room	Capacity
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Main Hall	200
Small Hall	70
Sports Pitch/ Hard Surface Playground	500 (total)

*Use of the Kitchen may be possible via prior agreement with the Head Teacher.

Scale of Fees and Charges

These are shown on a separate sheet enclosed with this policy. Revision of charges may be made with effect from 1st September each year.

Licences

The hirer must, where necessary, obtain the necessary licences for a given event, including a Public Entertainments Licence.

No alcohol shall be sold unless either a Personal Licence or a Temporary Events Notice has been obtained by the hirer or on his/her behalf and has been agreed directly with the Head Teacher prior to the booking being made. The hirer shall ensure that any conditions attached to such licences or permissions are complied with. The sale of alcohol must NOT take place during regular school hours (i.e. when the school is still in use for school activities) and must cease at least half an hour before the end of any function.

The hirer shall not use the premises or any part thereof for a performance for which copyright subsists without the consent of the owner of the said copyright, or in any manner infringe any subsisting copyright.

If any part of the premises is to be used for purposes of gaming, or games of chance of any description, the hirer shall be responsible for securing that the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963, the Gaming Act 1968, or any subsequent amending Act are fully observed and complied with and has been agreed directly with the Head Teacher prior to the booking being made.

Hirer's responsibilities

No nail or fastening of any kind shall be driven or put into any wall, partition, pillar or other fittings or furniture. If permission has been granted to display posters on walls, doors and windows they must be erected using blue-tac only and must be removed (including all traces of adhesive) at the end of the function by the hirer.

Electrical equipment must not be brought into the premises unless:

- the arrangement has been approved in advance with the hirer, and
- the equipment has been checked and has a current certificate to confirm that it complies with the Electricity at Work regulations.

The hirer shall ensure that any room is left in the condition in which it was found. This includes replacing furniture in its prior positioning ready for the room to be utilised by the School the next morning. The hirer shall repay on demand the cost of any Site Staff overtime hours to reinstate any room not left as found.

The cloakrooms will be in the care and custody of the hirer, who must provide his/her own attendants and be responsible for any loss that may occur. These must be left in a clean and reasonable state at the end of the function. Any mess must be cleaned by the hirer before leaving.

The hirer shall repay to the governors on demand the cost of cleaning, reinstating, replacing or repairing any part or parts of the premises, including any of the furniture and fittings therein contained, which are damaged,

destroyed, stolen or removed as a result of the negligence of the hirer or his/her invitees, servants or agents during the period of hire.

The hirer shall indemnify the school governors against all claims, demands, actions or proceedings in respect of any loss, damage or injury caused by or to any persons which shall occur while such person is in or upon part of the premises, or arise from any accident or occurrence which happens while such person is in or upon any part of the premises, or in respect of any loss or damage suffered or sustained by any person by reason of use of the premises by the hirer.

It is the hirer's responsibility to arrange insurance to cover the terms of indemnity set out above and produce for inspection written confirmation from the insurance company or broker concerned if requested.

Provision of stewards

To secure the efficient supervision of the premises during the hiring, the hirer shall provide attendants and stewards in the ratio of 1 per 50 members of the audience; should the majority of the audience be under 16 years, however, a minimum of one steward shall be provided for every 25 children or part thereof.

All stewards shall be made clearly identifiable to members of the public.

The hirer is responsible for ensuring:

- the safety of the premises and the preservation of good order and decency therein
- the orderly and safe admission and departure of persons to and from the premises
- the orderly and safe clearance of the premises in case of an emergency
- that all doors giving access from the premises are kept unfastened and unobstructed, immediately available for exit, during the whole time the premises are in use
- that the premises are cleaned and returned to the same state as before the hiring. Any additional cleaning or damage may be charged for.

For discos, the following applies:

- all stewards must be clearly identified
- all stewards, both employed and volunteer, must be instructed in their duties by the hirer and not by any agent of the hirer
- there must be no admission after 10:00pm
- people known to have caused any problems inside or outside on any previous occasion or who are clearly the worse for drink must be refused admission
- newspaper advertisements should include the words "No admission after 9.00 pm. No readmission at any time. The organisers have the right to refuse admission"

Car Parking

Car parking must be restricted to the designated parking area.

General

The governors reserve unto themselves and their officers, servants and agents a right of entry to every part of the premises at any time.

The wearing of footwear of any kind which is liable to cause damage to the floors is prohibited.

When the premises are hired for the purposes of auction sales, horticultural shows or other events of a like nature the hirer must protect the floors with a suitable covering.

The school governors may by arrangement allow a hirer reasonable time to clear up and remove property

either at the end of the hiring or on the following morning (but not on a school day), but the premises must be clear of all the hirer's property by 8:30 am on the date after a hiring. The governors do not undertake safe custody of property remaining on the premises. If the premises are left in a dirty or untidy state any extra cleaning costs will be recoverable from the hirer.

The premises are subject to the normal Sunday Trading laws under the Sunday Trading Act 1994, which means that trading is restricted to six consecutive hours between 10am and 6pm.

Waste disposal

As the School is required to pay for its waste disposal services hirers are requested to remove all their refuse from the School after a function. If this proves inconvenient, alternative arrangements can be made at the time of booking for refuse to be disposed of through the School facilities, at a nominal charge of £30 per function. The hirer is, however, responsible for ensuring that:

- bottles are boxed
- waste cardboard boxes are flattened
- all other refuse is to be placed into waste sacks provided by the Site Staff
- all refuse containers are sealed to the satisfaction of the duty member of Site Staff
- refuse containers are placed for disposal as directed by the duty member of Site Staff

Health and Safety Regulations

Organisers must acquaint themselves with the location of the fire exits and ensure that none of these is blocked or restricted at any time.

The School operates a no-smoking policy which must be respected by hirers and audiences. This applies to the whole site both inside and outside. Real flames shall not be employed within any building.

It is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure that adequate First Aid cover is available for their participants.

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Community Use of Facilities

Scale of charges – September 2022

There will be two rates of charging for School premises:

- Full rate: One-off bookings
- Reduced rate: Block bookings based on a minimum usage of at least once a week for 10 weeks, once a fortnight for 20 weeks or for a non-profit-making organization to be agreed by the Head Teacher.

Room	Full Rate	Reduced Rate
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	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours
Hall	£65	£80	£100	£55	£70	£85
Small Hall	£55	£65	£75	£45	£55	£65
Both Halls	£100	£120	£150	£70	£90	£110
Playground/ Field	£65	£80	£100	£55	£70	£85

Normal Opening Times

	Term Time	School Holidays
Monday to Thursday	6:30pm to 9pm	9am to 5pm
Friday	6:30pm to 9pm	9am to 4pm

Other times may be available, by prior negotiation with the Head Teacher.

Payment

For a one-off hire a 25% deposit will be required on booking. Regular users (who book 10 weeks or more) will be invoiced monthly in arrears with 14 day payment terms.

If payment is not received in accordance with our terms the booking will be cancelled with immediate effect.

Application form for hire of Hayfield Cross Church of England School premises

This form is to be completed by the person responsible, on behalf of the hirers, and returned to the Head Teacher. It is understood that this person will be responsible for the payment of all charges relating to this booking and will ensure that all aspects of our lettings policy are adhered to at all times.

Name of Organisation / Applicant:		
Postal Address:		
Telephone Number:	Fax:	E-mail:

Please remember to include time for setting up and packing away

Facilities	Required Date(s)		Time	Total Hours	Cost per Hour	Total Cost
	From	To				
Total Cost						

Purpose of Use:

Expected number of Participants:

Name of person in charge during use: Mr / Miss / Mrs:

Position held:

Telephone Number:

Mobile Number:

E-mail Address:

Public Liability Insurance

All commercial hirers must provide the School with a copy of their Public Liability Insurance certificate before booking is confirmed.

Agreement

I have read and undertake to observe the Conditions of Hire and agree to indemnify Hayfield Cross Church of England School against all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damage, injury or death out of or as a result of the use of the venue or any person authorised by me to use the venue due to my negligence or on the part of such authorized person during the period of hire:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name in BLOCK Letters: _____

Your booking cannot be confirmed until the school is in receipt of the completed forms and documents requested below.

Commercial Lettings: Public Liability Insurance Certificate

If letting will involve children (under 18): List 99 Check Document, DBS Document

Safeguarding Children: Vetting Process

Schools are responsible for the contract arrangements when letting their premises to external organisations to provide services to children independently from the school's own provision.

The school therefore is responsible for carrying out a full range of vetting checks to ensure children are safeguarded. If you/your organisation have children or young people (under the age of 18) attending your classes/activities you must also complete the following:

What are your procedures for safeguarding children? (Please supply a copy)
List 99 information:
Disclosure and Barring Service check information (DBS):