

Pound Plus Policy

Pound Plus refers to additional income generated by education and training providers over and above core income from the Education and Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA) Adult Education Budget. It is a term used to describe how providers can show how they are maximising the value of public investment. This is important because generating additional value is central to the objective of driving up participation within a very constrained public funding environment.

Brockenhurst College offers a suite of courses open to all adults as advertised in our prospectus and website.

Courses are created and delivered in the local community. We work closely with local GP practices who encourage those learners who are recovering from mild to moderate health difficulties and those from deprived communities to undertake our courses to improve their wellbeing.

There will be no charges made to our learners for the following provision:

- Functional Skills English & Maths
- GCSE English & Maths
- Essential Digital Skills Courses

For courses falling under our "Leisure & Community" courses we may ask our learners to provide a contribution towards the cost of their course. The college uses an hourly rate, which is lower than that charged to adult learners for other accredited provision delivered at the College. For some courses, there may be additional charges to cover materials. These may either be charged at the point of enrolment or require learners to provide their own resources each week.

As part of our 'Pound Plus' commitment, the College will reduce the fee by 50% for evidenced unemployed people/learners in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Universal Credit (work related)
- Pension Credit
- Learners on a low wage

The College will carry our regular reviews of provision through our quality processes and self-assessment practices.