

To Headteachers all Maintained Nursery,
Lower, Middle, Upper and Special Schools in
Central Bedfordshire

Our ref: Banking Charges
Date: 5th February 2014.

Dear Headteacher,

Re: Banking Charges from 1 April 2014

The Council's banking provider, National Westminster Plc., has notified the Council that from 1 April 2014 they will no longer be covering school's bank charges.

Currently school bank balances are charged quarterly by Natwest, who then centrally credit school balances to offset bank charges, independent to this schools are credited with interest earned by the Council's Treasury Management Activities. This effectively means that Natwest cover the bank charges schools incur.

The withdrawal of this by the bank means that bank charges for schools will no longer be offset and schools will be liable to pay bank charges in accordance to their banking activities. Schools banking charges are set at the same rate as all other Council accounts and I attach a schedule of rates for 2014/15. The bank charges incurred by each school are already sent to schools by the bank on a quarterly basis. The bank have advised us that the average bank charge for a typical school in Central Bedfordshire is in the region of £100 per annum based on last years activity, although some individual schools will be higher than this figure.

If you require any further information in respect of this change please contact me or Parmjit Teji (0300 300 4081 or Parmjit.Teji@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) in our Treasury team.

Yours sincerely

Nisar Visram

Financial Controller