## PUPIL AND STUDENT SUPPORT - CUSTOMER CHARTER

## MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to administer and provide efficient and effective financial support for lifelong learning within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

## SERVICE STANDARDS

We will always: -

- respect your individuality by providing a high quality service that, wherever possible, suits your personal requirements;
- provide our service to you fairly, proactively and to the same high degree of customer care that we will demonstrate to all our other customers, regardless of their backgrounds;
- treat you with courtesy, respect and professionalism;
- treat any information relating to you or your application confidentially and sensitively;
- communicate with you in clear, concise and jargon-free language, whether in person, by telephone or in writing;
- give you our names when we communicate with you;
- allocate a named officer to your case;
- acknowledge receipt of your application form within two working days, provided that you enclose the stamped acknowledgement card with the form;
- process your application form quickly and accurately, provided that you complete the form fully and provide all the supporting documents and/or information that we ask for;
- resolve within one working day any query that you may have, and, where that is not possible, tell you how long we think it will take;
- investigate with all due thoroughness and seriousness any complaints that you may have about the provision of our service.

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

We will expect you to: -

- treat us with courtesy and respect;
- complete your application form fully and truthfully;
- comply with requests for further documents and/or information in support of your application;
- inform us as soon as possible if there are any changes to your circumstances which could affect your application.