

PTA Hardship Fund Policy

Freshford School Parent Teacher Association financially assists Freshford Church school's Hardship Fund.

This discretionary fund is in place to offer assistance to families who may be experiencing unexpected and unplanned financial difficulties.

The PTA will endeavour to support families whose circumstances mean that their child(ren) would not be able to participate in educational trips and activities, or would in some way prevent them from having equal learning opportunities.

The PTA's contribution to the Hardship Fund is limited and therefore we can only consider requests for activities/events in which all pupils in the applicant's class will be participating. At present, the PTA is unable to fund requests for help with extra curricula activities.

With regards to the annual year 5 and 6 residential trip, the PTA will only offer financial support for pupils to attend once.

All requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the school, who will assess each individual case and, if successful, pass on an anonymous request to the PTA. Each request is considered on a case by case basis.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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