

## Hardship Fund

Stretford High School strives to ensure that all students are offered equal opportunities irrespective of circumstance.

The aim of the fund is to support students by providing funds to assist parents/carers experiencing financial hardship to provide those items/educational trips necessary for their child's education.

**Students in receipt of Pupil Premium** The fund will consider applications towards the cost of visits, activities and equipment for students who otherwise could not afford to participate. Access to the Hardship Fund will be available to students who have been in receipt of free school meals within the last 6 year. The fund will contribute 50% of the cost of the trip to a maximum of £100 per student per visit. In exceptional circumstances a larger amount may be granted. The fund will not pay for more than one visit in an academic year.

**Students not eligible for Pupil Premium or with altered financial circumstances** The Hardship Fund will consider applications from students not in receipt of free school meals but whose financial or family situation would otherwise prevent their participation in visits/activities or mean they would have difficulty purchasing equipment related to their education. It will consider applications from students whose parents'/carers' are made redundant once students have already signed up for an educational visit/activity and some monies have been paid. Each student's case will be considered on its own merits before a decision is made. The fund will contribute 50% of the cost of the trip with a maximum of £100 per family per visit.

If you would like your child to be offered an opportunity that may not be possible because of financial hardship, the leadership team and governors would like to support you.

Please complete the following request form if you would like to be considered for this match funding.

**Name of Stretford High Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please state the reason for the funding request and the equipment/trip that the funding is for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Full cost of event/trip/reason for funding** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

For official use only:

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Agreed: YES / NO

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_