

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**SCHOOL FORUM**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Pewithall School</b>	<b>Applicant's Name</b>	<b>David Baugh</b>
<p>Please specify whether you are applying for a Licenced Deficit *or Deficit Write off and the reasons for your choice</p>	<p>We are not applying for a licensed deficit or a deficit write of but for "Emergencies and exceptional unforeseen costs which it would be unreasonable to expect governing bodies to meet."</p>		
<p>Please outline the current School Budget position</p>	<p>Our one line budget this year is £730,000 we have had to top up our budget from saving for the past four years and this year we have had to make considerable cuts to our pupil support groups and TA support due to a decreasing fund.</p>		
<p>Please specify the amount requested and rationale for this sum</p>	<p>We require £25,000 which is the cost of the shortfall in our budget. The rationale being we were given two additional pupils in reception this year making the total for that class 32. The grounds for this being an administrative error in admissions as both pupils qualified as LAC but didn't declare until they appealed. In good faith the school employed additional staff to help with the constraints on Key Stage One (92pupils to 3 teachers and 2 TAs), which has used our surplus funding. One of the LAC pupils had two old sisters who have exhausted our resources and also generated higher supply costs as our SENCO has had to attend almost double the amount of planning and progress meetings with other agencies. This has had a huge effect on the school budget.</p> <p>In addition to this, we have had four members of staff off on long term sick and the insurance</p>		

	<p>company has not covered the cost due to the nature of the surgery (elective). This in actual terms is one full time teacher for 10 weeks, our premises manager for 6 weeks, our SENCO and full time teacher for two weeks and a fulltime TA currently on the sick.</p> <p>We have had to fund both the relief member of staff and the staff on sick leave. This is a situation which could not have been avoided and has led to us having to make major cuts to our budget in order to balance our budget from 15/ 16. We still are £30,000 short of balancing with a huge reduction in services and pupil support.</p> <p>In addition to this the school has to fund major restructuring work to the kitchen due to poor air flow, two ovens being condemned and redecoration to the kitchen area. Which is going to cost somewhere in the region of £12k.</p> <p>In addition to this our fire alarm is due replacement as the system is very old. This although 90% funded will cost £20k with the school having to pay £2000.</p> <p>Also on the premises side of the budget our ICT suite requires a new air conditioning unit which will cost £2750 to replace or £750 to remove.</p> <p>We ask for the amount to fund our TA in Key Stage One as in previous years we have been able to access ghost/ growth funding which now is obsolete.</p> <p>The cuts we have made to get us closer to balancing our budget will be to the detriment of our pupils as our pupils directly benefit from support groups we have had to discontinue.</p>
<p>Please specify under which of the eligibility criteria you meet</p>	<p>Emergencies and exceptional unforeseen costs which it would be unreasonable to expect governing bodies to meet.</p>

<p>Please outline the circumstances which have led to the application</p>	<p>The grounds for this being an administrative error in admissions as both pupils qualified as LAC but didn't declare until they appealed. In good faith the school employed additional staff to help with the constraints on Key Stage One (92pupils to 3 teachers and 2 TAs), which has used our surplus funding. One of the LAC pupils had two old sisters who have exhausted our resources and also generated higher supply costs as our SENCO has had to attend almost double the amount of planning and progress meetings with other agencies. This has had a huge effect on the school budget.</p> <p>One of our reception child has required a special chair, due to the fact she has an artificial leg. This cost £3000.</p> <p>In addition to this, we have had four members of staff off on long term sick and the insurance company has not covered the cost due to the nature of the surgery (elective). This in actual terms is one full time teacher for 10 weeks, our premises manager for 6 weeks, our SENCO and full time teacher for two weeks and a fulltime TA currently on the sick.</p> <p>We have had to fund both the relief member of staff and the staff on sick leave. This is a situation which could not have been avoided and has led to us having to make major cuts to our budget in order to balance our budget from 15/ 16. We still are £30,000 short of balancing with a huge reduction in services and pupil support.</p> <p>In addition to this the school has to fund major restructuring work to the kitchen due to poor air flow. We are still awaiting wo ovens have been condemned and redecoration to the kitchen area is needed. Which is going to cost somewhere in the region of £12k.</p> <p>In addition to this our fire alarm is due replacement as the system is very old. This although 90% funded will cost £20k with the school having to pay</p>

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Please outline the action taken by the school to address the deficit	We have made cuts to the Schools: SLAs, staffing, supply teaching, capitation and pupil support.
Please provide information on the future sustainability of the school	Our school will have to make further cuts in 2016/ 2017 but with this financial assistance they may not be as severe as planned.
Please specify the date a decision is required by	As soon as the decision is made by school forum.

Signature: *D. P. Brough* Date: *15.05.15*

- Please note that a licensed deficit can only be agreed for amounts up to a maximum of 10% of the school budget share. Decisions on licensed deficits are made by the