



## **Mersey Vale Primary School** **Application For Financial Assistance**

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is used to raise attainment of disadvantaged children and close the gap with their peers. The following groups are eligible for PPG:

- Pupils known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in last 6 years.
- Children in public care continuously for at least 6 months.
- Children who are adopted under the Children Act 2002.
- Children of service personnel.

The fund, whilst used to target specific groups of children, is not individual child specific and schools use the fund received to finance various projects and initiatives in school. The vast majority of the PPG is utilised to employ staff and buy resources which directly benefit these groups of children.

There is a small residual sum each year which we use to ensure that such children gain benefit from some of the extra-curricular and other activities in school, funding such things as breakfast club and after school clubs, trip contributions and occasionally school uniform for parents of eligible children who are having financial difficulties at that time. We expect parents to make at least a contribution to extra-curricular activities and school trips and where possible fund them from their own resources. Upon request we can consider providing assistance to parents of children that are eligible for PPG on a case by case basis, considering the following factors:

- Remaining budget.
- Whether or not a previous application has been granted to the child/family.
- Capacity within the club / trip.
- Other specified circumstances.

Where possible we will strive to provide a lower level of financial assistance to a larger number of children/families in preference to a higher level of assistance to a smaller number of children/families. This ensures that the maximum benefit is achieved for our children.

If you wish to apply for financial assistance, please complete the form on the reverse of this letter. We will then consider the circumstances and confirm whether or not we can assist you. In the event that funding can be allocated, this will be either for a specific period or for the remainder of the term in which you apply. Should you require assistance after this period, you will need to re-apply.

Please note that you need to apply individually for each child and for each payment item specified.



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**Child's Name** ..... **Class**.....

**Activity to which your application relates. Please tick one only :**

- After school clubs**
- Breakfast Club**
- School trip – please state which trip** .....
- Snacks**
- Uniform – please specify your requirements**.....  
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- Other – please specify your requirements**.....  
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**Cost of item** £..... **Contribution Offered** £.....

**Reason for non-payment**.....  
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**Approved / Declined Signature** .....

**Comments**