

PTA Distributing Funds Guide

Your PTA raises funds to complement the day to day curriculum for all students at Arnold Hill by funding additional extras to enhance student learning. A "Wish List" is a good way for students and teachers to identify activities or equipment they feel would benefit school life and learning. Sometimes, this could be as a result of the students asking for specific items via the school council. At other times, the PTA may be asked by teachers to fund resources to improve a particular area of the curriculum or the school environment. The PTA funds are spent on items not already funded through the school's budget, but which make the learning environment more fulfilling and fun or which promote the health and wellbeing of students.

We always endeavour to spend our funds on ways which will benefit all students in all areas of the school and curriculum. The money we raise is usually spent fairly quickly and, in this way, you can be sure that your child will feel the benefit of your support of the PTA fund raising activities.

It is very unusual for the PTA to fund activities for individual students, however in exceptional circumstances a decision may be made to fund an individual student's achievement. The following principles will be applied to decision making in this respect: 1) the funds will support exceptional achievement which would not otherwise be possible; 2) the achievement of the individual student will enhance the school's reputation and/or strengthen links with the local community; 3) the student's achievement will inspire and motivate other students and enhance student morale; 4) the sum awarded does not exceed £150.

A quorate of PTA committee members is required in order for decisions to be made for all funding requests. A written record of the decision is always made at the PTA committee meeting and a written response sent to the individual or group making the request.