

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS
Name of Applicant Organisation i.e. who are you applying on behalf of? Nash Mills Primary School PTA
Who will be our main contact for correspondence about this application? [REDACTED] Chair of PTA and [REDACTED] Headteacher of School
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Can we contact you by telephone? Yes
(Daytime) [REDACTED]
(Evening/Weekend)
What authority do you have to submit this application? For example, has the application been authorised by committee decision? If so, what committee and when? (For your own protection it is important that you are properly authorised). This application has been completed in conjunction with the Chair and main organiser of the charity along with the Headteacher of the school. This is normal operating practice for the charity and any subsequent funding or opportunity will be fed back to the organising committee.
What type of organisation would you describe the Applicant as? Charity
Approximately how long has the Organisation been in existence? Years 22 newly formed
Are you a Registered Charity? YES / NO (If YES, state your Charity No) Yes - 1082683
Are you affiliated to a Governing Body? NO
Which one(s)?

2 DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION

For the past three years, one of the school fundraising priorities has been to replace the outdoor play equipment for the pupils. The current equipment was installed in 2001, so is over 20 years old and is now coming to the end of its life; regular repairs are required to keep it in operation which is costing the school additional funding which cannot be sustained.

The equipment is currently highly popular with pupils and, during dryer months is used heavily by pupils throughout the day. Unfortunately, the current equipment is situated on mud, meaning that in the winter it is unsafe to use; there is a plan for rubber-bonded flooring to be installed with new equipment so that there can be year-round use.

The school has seen a significant increase in the need to support the development of physical motor skills, largely following the COVID pandemic. Particularly for younger pupils who did not have an early diet of play equipment, there has been a noticeable change in how well-developed pupils physical skills are. As a result, more activity outside and targeted at developing these skills has been built into the school's programme; in 2021 a large amount of money was spend developing the Early Years outdoor space so that the youngest pupils could be supported. There is now a need to continue this work onto the older pupils.

The PTA, in conjunction with the school, have been working to secure funding for this work and were almost at the target amount. However this year there has been a significant increase in SEND needs for pupils coming into the school, particularly in Early Years. As a result, the school has had to divert funding towards this, ensuring that staffing ratios are increased and additional teaching spaces identified so that all pupils are able to learn. This has, however, meant that we are now further from our goal.

Our project is to install a new play trail and gym area for pupils to use throughout the school day to develop motor skills.



One area will be targeted at developing play skills, with a range of carefully planned play-trail opportunities for the children to gain strength and composure whilst being able to play alongside their friends.

The other area will be more targeted at developing core strength and physical skill, more for older pupils in the school

We would envisage work being completed within a few months of funding being secured. The

target lifespan of this equipment would be around 20 years.

As well as the equipment being used during the school day, the school has a breakfast and after school provision, which welcomes children from across the local area (not just the school) and a number of holiday and out-of-school provisions which use the site. This would enable to equipment to be used throughout the year.

USAGE

Approximately how many people are currently regular, active participants in your Organisation?
235

How many of them are resident in the Parish of Nash Mills?
130

FUNDING

How much are you applying for?
£10,000

What other grants have you applied for or obtained recently
All income in 2022-2023 was from charitable giving by parents of the school, linked to different events run by the PTA.

Please confirm the following documents are enclosed in support of this application?

Constitution Latest Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet

SIGNED H Perry and A Maher DATE 20th December 2023

Please return this form to Nikki Bugden Clerk@nashmillsparishcouncil.gov.uk

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