

Potential sources of fundraising to support residential activity

The following suggestions have been compiled by Headteachers who are Stibbington Centre Trustees and who have either used these sources successfully themselves, or are aware of schools that have. Stibbington Trustees would be pleased to receive any comments you may have (positive or negative) as well as any further suggestions.

Pupil premium

However, we are all aware of how many calls there might be on this!

School budget

Agreeing with Governors a specific amount at budget setting time, where this is possible, with school-based criteria for its allocation.

Some heads have sufficiently long memories of the way the school's budget used to be built, with a small but specific element identified to support outdoor education (long since amalgamated into the global amounts). In some cases this element has been able to be retained at school budget building level and used as originally intended. Other budget pressures are making this less common.

PTFA / school fundraising event

Organising a specific annual event to support outdoor education, either for individual subsidy, or to reduce the cost, say, of transport for the whole cohort (especially where there may be some misgiving about fundraising for individuals)

City Councillors' community fund

Peterborough City Council currently operates a Community Leadership Fund, which is a £10,000 grant given to each ward for Councillors to improve the City's social, economic and environmental characteristics. Many schools have benefitted from this source of funding in a variety of ways. Given Peterborough's aspirations to be a Green City, the use of this fund to support disadvantaged children participating in environmental education is worth exploring.

Local Rotary/Lions clubs, Parish Councils, other local charities

Local businesses

A little local research can (and does) pay dividends on occasions. You don't know until you ask!

Individual Family support

Residential activities are usually booked well in advance, often as part of the school's annual programme. Most schools have 'easy payment' systems available, which can help families who struggle to pay a lump sum, but may not qualify under various criteria for other support.

It is also worth counselling the children about the financial situation, and suggesting that they give a little of (any) pocket money each week towards the cost. Family members can also be encouraged to make a donation towards the cost of their child's visit as part of a birthday or Christmas gift (issuing a receipt for the amount donated in the form of a Christmas or birthday card can encourage this)