

What is the Hardship Fund?

The Hardship Fund is a discretionary source of financial help available to all registered full time school students. The aim of the Fund is to help students who have difficulties in paying for:

1. Curriculum trips, visits and year group residentials (up to 100% of the cost);
2. Uniform, shoes or sports kit;
3. Emergency travel expenses.

Payments from the Fund are discretionary and if awarded do not need to be repaid.

The School will consider requests for hardship funding from the following groups of students:

- Students in receipt of free school meals;
- Students in families with very low incomes;
- Students with disabilities;
- Students who are or have been in care.

Your child/ren may be eligible for grants from our hardship fund if:

- A household income of below £25,000;
- A student whose parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits including Income Support, Working Tax Credit/ Child Tax Credit, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), who is not entitled to free school meals;
- At the decision of the Principal, any student who does not fall under the categories listed above but consider themselves to be in financial hardship.

Please note that proof of benefit is required if not already registered for Free School Meals or eligible for Pupil Premium. Proof of benefit must have been issued within the last six months.

How to apply to the Hardship Fund

An application should be made through the Principal. The application will remain confidential and will be considered by the Principal given their knowledge of the student's circumstances. If approved by the Principal the application will be passed to the Finance Office for processing.

A student may be able to apply for hardship support at any time during the academic year. It may also be possible to apply more than once, but usually only where circumstances have not changed. Students cannot appeal a decision not to award a hardship grant as the Principal's decision is final.

Hardship Fund Application Form

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Your details

Title:	<i>Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or Other</i>
Surname or Family Name:	
First Name:	
Partner's Surname (if applicable):	
Partner's First Name (if applicable):	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email address:	

Child/ren you wish to claim for

Name of child:	Tutor Group	Date of Birth

Support requested (please use form overleaf for school trips)

Item	Amount (£)	Reason why you are seeking support and details of cost
School Uniform Grant (maximum £100)		
Emergency travel expenses		

School Trip Support Application

Name of trip:	
Date of trip:	
Total cost of trip:	
Amount paid to date:	
Amount outstanding:	
Amount of support requested:	
Reason why you are seeking support:	

Declaration

I certify that the information provided here is true. I understand that a false declaration will result in the refusal of this application.

Name of Parent / Carer:	
Signature of Parent / Carer:	
Date:	

Please complete and return this form with the necessary supporting documentation to:
Mrs. Caroline Castle, PA to the Principal, caroline.castle@wyeschool.org.uk



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Date received:	
Received by:	
Approved:	YES / NO (delete as necessary)
Approval date:	
Approved by (name):	
Approved by (position):	
Signed:	

Please pass to the Finance Officer for processing.