



Match Funding Scheme

Dear Parents & Carers,

Did you know that many large companies support their employees' charitable work through the Match Funding scheme? This can apply to events where you have given your time to raise funds for a charity. Matched funding is a brilliant and simple way for the PPA as a registered charity, to maximise the fundraising efforts of parent and PPA volunteers.

How does it work?

It is very straightforward. If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Matched funding can be applied to employees who are able to give time to assist with a specific PPA fundraising event/activity, and this can apply to online events too. Usually, the employee will need to supply their company with a letter from the PPA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

Should I ask my employer?

Yes, please do! Generally speaking, banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, energy and phone companies and car manufacturers are the kind of organisations that may have a match funding scheme in place. Remember, this is not asking your employer to give money away, as it will be offset against their annual tax bills. The Community Relations or HR Manager will be the person to approach initially, and to find out details of how the scheme works within your organisation.

We would be very grateful if you could check if your employer has a match funding scheme and if so, ask if they can match fund any of our events. If you are unable to directly help out at an event, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know as you may still be able to access match funding. This could be a really large source of income for the PPA and help the PPA raise funds that directly benefit our children and the school community in these challenging times. If you are able to help us this way, please contact **PASecretary@patesgs.org** for further information.

Thank you for your support.

The PPA team

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