



**Grant Application**  
**by**  
**Park Primary School**

Prepared by:

Sarah Midgley, Head Teacher

Date:

15<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Colne Town Council GRANT REQUEST FOR FUNDING

**Project Title: Colne-wide Parent and Toddler Group**

**Name of person submitting bid: Sarah Midgley**

**Role of person submitting the bid: Head Teacher**

**On behalf of (please include organisation's name and contact details):**

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**Brief Details of the Organisation (including management team and constitution):**

One of the largest and longest-established schools in Colne, we place great emphasis on our ability to provide a secure, caring and welcoming environment in which everyone has pride in themselves and strives to achieve the highest possible standard of learning, behaviour and attitudes. We strive to ensure that all children leave Park Primary with the skills that will equip them for life and with a joy of learning. We have just learnt that we have been rated "Good" by Ofsted.

**Project Area Covered (1-5):** 5 – Increasingly, post-pandemic, we are finding that children are coming to us more socially isolated than ever before and their parents also lack social groups with whom to swap tips on raising a toddler. Our Reception intake has discovered that many of our new pupils lack the skills required to flourish in a busy school. We sought to address this by setting up a Parent and Toddler Group each Thursday morning. This is open to all, not just those who have their children down for Park Primary admission. It was an immediate success. It is staffed by our TA3s (nursery nurses). Those attending have begged us to keep this provision entirely free and have stated that they see it as a lifeline. The sessions are staffed 9 am-12 pm on Thursdays during term time.

**Project Cost:** Estimated at >£9,000 each academic year

**Amount Requested:** £2,500 (incl. VAT)

**Brief details of project:** We have become a victim of our own success and such are the numbers attending, we no longer have space in the school to host this venture. This means we need to seek alternative premises and look to CYAG, which is adjacent to our school. CYAG is waiving premises hire fees, but must charge for utilities and cleaning, understandably. In addition, we must pay for refreshments if the provision is to remain free, helping those who need it most.

**Main outcomes to be achieved:** We believe that the group is not only valuable for the socialisation of toddlers pre-school, but that we are able to impart valuable information that will help their parents prepare them for school with skills like knowing their colours, numbers, songs, eating, washing hands and going to the toilet. Our TA3s share their expertise with parents in a friendly and informal environment. All primary schools in Colne will benefit from this provision, potentially. Their parents will meet new friends with children the same age and will grow in confidence and ability.

**When will the Project be implemented?** Immediately.

**Who will undertake the Project works?** Park Primary Staff

**Is there match funding for the Project from elsewhere?** Yes.

**If so, please give details:** Park Primary will continue to fund the not inconsiderable cost of staffing this provision, with TA3s costing £40 per hour. Park Primary will also provide all the toys and equipment and will fund any external visitors that attend the group such as Baby Sign Classes and Baby Sensory. CYAG will waive its charge for renting out its entire 3,500 sq ft building to our Group. Lancashire County Council does not fund Park Primary for this service.

**Signature of person submitting the bid:**



**Date of Submission:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*Please enclose a copy of the organisation's latest financial/trading accounts and a copy of a recent bank statement or contact the Responsible Financial Officer for advice.*

*Please return completed and signed form to Gina Langley, Clerk, Colne Town Hall, Albert Road, Colne, Lancashire, BB8 0AQ – email [g.langley@colnetowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:g.langley@colnetowncouncil.org.uk) 01282 861888*