

THE PRIMARY CLUB

The cricketers' charity for the blind and partially sighted



The Primary Club Mainstream Education Award

The Primary Club aims to support blind and visually impaired people in the UK in participating in sport and recreational activities. It is a membership organisation open to anyone who has had the dubious honour of recording a golden duck or "primary" – being dismissed first ball – in any form of cricket.

The Club was founded at Beckenham Cricket Club in 1955 and in its early years supported Dorton House School, run by the Royal London Society for the Blind. Over the years, its support has expanded and now helps to fund a wide range of organisations across the UK. A registered charity, the club is entirely run by volunteers with income from membership subscriptions, donations and occasional events.

Over the Club's history, the education of blind and visually impaired children has evolved from dedicated special schools to, more frequently, education as part of the mainstream system. Therefore, the Club wishes to ensure that it benefits children and young people in mainstream education, as well as those in specialist schools.

The Primary Club Mainstream Education Award will offer funding

of up to £5,000 to support the provision of sporting or recreational activities to children in mainstream education in the UK.

Criteria for applications/Terms

* Applications are welcomed for funds to put on, or enable blind or visually impaired children to participate in, sporting or recreational activities

* Funds may be used to support a one-off event, a series of activities, provide necessary equipment or a combination of the above

* The funding should primarily support blind or visually impaired children who are not educated within special schools, and include children from more than one school

* Priority will be given to applications that support an event or activity that would not otherwise occur, or allow blind and/or visually impaired children to participate in a planned event that otherwise would be impossible

* The total amount of funding available is £5,000, however applications should be made only for the level of funding required

* Applications should specify the number of blind and visually impaired children intended to be involved and provide details on how funds provided will be spent

* Applications to be made using the Application Form available on The Primary Club website, www.primaryclub.org/club-projects and submitted by email to education@primaryclub.org

* Applications will be judged based on adherence to the above criteria, the number of blind or visually impaired children involved and the impact of funds provided

* Applications to be judged by a sub-committee of Trustees of The Primary Club who reserve the right to provide part-funding or to not allocate the full amount of funds available if they determine that application(s) do not meet the above criteria or the aims of The Primary Club

* Successful recipients will be asked to provide details of the event/activity for use in publicity (e.g. website, newsletter) of The Primary Club

* **Deadline for applications is 31 January 2018 and applicants will be informed of the Trustees' decision by 31 March 2018**