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**MATCHFUNDING**

Each year we successfully raise more money for the PTFA  thanks to several parents who work for companies like Barclays who offer employees a benefit of “Match funding”.

**What is match funding?**

It is a funding mechanism whereby a company matches the fundraising done by one of its employees.

**Which companies offer match funding?**

Lots of organisation do and this is small list of organisation we know about.

Argos, Asda, Barclays Bank, Boots, British Gas, BP, BT, Cap Gemini, Centrica, Citibank, Dell, First Group, GSK, HBOS, HSBC, IBM, Lloyds Bank, Sainsburys, Microsoft, National Grid, SSE, Sky, Tesco, Vodafone.

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**Why is match funding important?**

The school, which is under West Lancashire Council, receives very little funding via the pupil premium.  Which means that our school has very little to spend on the bare essentials, like school books and equipment for inside and outside.  Having match funding allows the PTFA to double what we raise.  Ultimately this money benefits all pupils who attend Maharishi

This year the school has invested in areas of the school, like converting wasted space into a playable barked area for the primary phase children Unfortunately, there is an even longer list of improvements across the school, covering reception right through to the secondary school, which need money!   These projects can’t always be funded by the school and this is where the PTFA can help.  The funding we typically raise each year is just not enough to fund all the requests this year.  Projects will need to be prioritised, and some will be delayed.

**Do you work for a company that offers match-funding?**

If  you or your partner work for a company that offers match funding please reach out to the Treasurer – email: [**keithgarrityptfa@gmail.com**](mailto:keithgarrityptfa@gmail.com)

If you are unsure please contact your HR department.