

Applicant:

Police and Community Support Group

Proposal:

100% Best Attendance Project

Amount Requested:

£500

Summary:

The Best Attendance project, which has been successfully ran for two consecutive years, was set up and ran by the Police and Community Support Group in order to improve attendance within primary schools on the Welford Road LPU area. (11 schools at that time). The project is supported by the schools and the Police. With the boundary changes to wards, the number of schools that would be invited to be involved this year would now be 9.

The way the project works is that the school children are given a target to achieve 100% attendance over the school year coupled with a record of good behaviour and work achievement, suitable for each child (determined by the schools). Those that achieve this are rewarded with a school outing. In previous projects, this outing was to the cinema. The project this year will be a trip to see a show/pantomime in order to keep the project fresh and interesting to the children.

It has been proven that this project has successfully boosted attendance in schools with letters of thanks being sent to the Support Group afterwards, commenting that the number of pupils achieving 100% attendance and improved behaviour was unprecedented. These letters requested that the project continue in future years.

By children attending school regularly, they are not taking part in truancy. This reduces reports of anti social behaviour and each child can achieve more in school by being there more often to learn. This reduces anti social behaviour and crime.

This project gives children a new experience that they might not otherwise have particularly in the more deprived estates. This project will be offered to every primary school on the four wards of the Welford Road area so each and every child has the opportunity to take part.

The nine schools that take part will allocate the number of children they believe they will win a place so the number of children that will go on the trip depends on how many children achieve – we have costed the project so that we can take an equal number of children to previous years.

The minibus hire that the JAG funding would cover will be provided by Confidence Buses as in previous years and they have offered a very good competitive rate to help us keep the project going. Any funding the JAG can offer would be gratefully accepted. The other costs will be met by funding to be sought elsewhere (cost of places at the theatre, advertising, etc)