

Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone Parish Council

Application Form for Project Funding

Name of Group / Organisation:

Bishops Lydeard Church School/Nursery

Name and position of main contact and correspondence address:

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What are the main activities of your Group / Organisation?

Education
Child care provision

Describe the project for which funding is required (*include how the project complies with CIL expenditure (the provision of infrastructure)(full guidance available in policy / procedure); the projected time scale and who will benefit from the project; please attach action plans, estimates or supporting information which you may have*)

We are grateful to the Parish Council for their generous commitment of £100,000 towards the nursery expansion project. Unfortunately, our recent application for a Department for Education nursery capital grant of £150,000 was unsuccessful, resulting in a £50,000 shortfall.

As previously discussed during the last CIL bid, we had anticipated this possibility and committed to reapplying for additional support to ensure the nursery expansion can proceed without financial deficit.

Timescale:

Work is scheduled to commence during the Easter holidays and is planned for completion by September this year.

Beneficiaries:

The expanded nursery will accommodate up to 38 children at any one time, serving families from the village and the wider community. Further details on the community benefits can be found in our previously submitted CIL application for this project.

Capital Expenses:

The additional funding will cover the final phase of capital works and resourcing, including kitchens, toilets, doors, windows, and essential early years equipment such as tables, chairs, carpets, storage units, and learning resources.

We respectfully request an increase in the CIL grant by £50,000 to bridge this funding gap and enable the nursery to open fully equipped and ready to serve our community. If unsuccessful with this bid, the £50,000 shortfall will be recouped via deficit and loan to the nursery from the Trust.

Describe how you have consulted with local people and the support you have for the project (*attach any evidence available*)

Please see the consultation reports attached including:

- LA approval document
- LA sufficiency report
- Support from Rachel Gilmour
- Support letter from the Early Years Education Secretary
- Consultation document and Facebook logs from the local community, school voice etc
- Business case for the BWMAT Trust and authorisation

Project Cost. Please set out details of competitive quotations sought for the work. For projects under £1,000 one quotation should be sufficient. For projects between £1,000 and £5,000 two quotations would be a minimum. For projects over £5,000 a minimum of 3 quotations would be expected.

The works went through a full tender process. Organised from Hookways and the winning bid has already been accepted and actioned. Work starts on the 7th April.

We are looking for additional support from our previous bid to which all this section has been sent and evaluated by the Parish Council.

Please show in the table the amount of CIL funding being sought and any other match funding being used to meet overall project costs

	Amount	Details
CIL funding sought	£50,000	Requested top-up funding to support the sustainability and security of the project
Organisation's own funding	£220,000	Approved and transferred from end of April
Third party contributions	£100,000	Approved and transferred from the Parish Council – allowed work to start on the 7 th April
Total cost	£370,000	

Is support being sought from anywhere else / what fundraising have you done?

No other funding streams available – The Bath and Well Diocese have no funding available, DfE funding has twice now been unsuccessful.

Declaration

The information provided on this application form is correct, to the best of my knowledge. If Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone Parish Council agrees to release funds for the specified project, these funds will be used exclusively for the purposes described. When requested, I agree to inform the Council with all necessary information required for the purposes of reporting on the progress or otherwise of the identified project. I recognise the Council's statutory rights that it may reclaim unspent or misappropriated funds.

Signed -

Name – James Dakin

Position in Group / Organisation – Bishops Lydeard Church School

Date – 24.03.26

Thank you for completing this form. As mentioned throughout the application form, please include any relevant evidence with your application to support it – this could include:

- Evidence of need for your project
- Quotes for project costs
- Details of offers / grants from any other funders / organisations
- Specifications and drawing
- Evidence of support for your projects from local people and organisations

Completed applications must be submitted to the Parish Clerk at Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council, PO Box 1056, Taunton, TA1 9TD.

Email: clerk@bishopslydeardparishcouncil.gov.uk