



## Financial Support Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for families experiencing financial difficulties to ensure every member can participate equally.

### Background

Stretford Children's Theatre (SCT) is a small community-based group committed to providing affordable quality drama and music experiences for local children, young people and adults.

SCT understands that those wishing to access our services may suffer financial difficulties from time to time, which can present challenges to meet essential everyday costs, even before considering discretionary activities. SCT believes in the role that performing arts has on the emotional and personal development of our attendees and works within the principle that no one should be refused access due to the cost or affordability of our sessions.

SCT is a charity and works hard to deliver a quality programme at an affordable price for our members. The subscription fees collected are exclusively used to fund the delivery of the sessions.

### Process

To be considered for Financial Support the parent/guardian or member (s) should speak with the sessional facilitator or sessional leader (Tina Liddle). The request will be kept strictly confidential, only the leader spoken with, and the Board of Trustees will have knowledge of the request.

The Financial Support Fund will reduce the monthly subscription fee(s) by 50% and we prefer this to be paid by Direct Debit if possible.

After a period of six months, we will approach the parent/guardian or member(s) to discuss if the support is still required.