

## Seashell Funding Needs 2023 – 2024

### Equipment Needs



#### Assistive Technology £58,536

Our children and young adults all have limited or no functional speech. Thanks to our embedded therapy programmes and total communication approach, all our students are given the opportunity to make sure their voice is heard. We use various pieces of technology to support communication, independence, education and learning and life skills as well as recreation, play and pleasure. Technology equipment is vital to enable our students to communicate and learn, with specialist apps and websites supporting their daily progress and achievements.

Item	Number Required	Cost	Total
<b>Upgrade to Sensory Room</b>	1	£14,736	£14,736
iPad inc protective screen, robust case and specialist apps	40	£500	£18,000
<b>Eye Gaze Communication System</b>	2	£9,000	£18,000
<b>Omnivista</b>	1	£9,000	£9,000
<b>AAC Communication Device</b>	1	£5,800	£5,800
<b>Omniscape – interactive floor and table projector</b>	1	£2,000	£2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£67,536</b>

#### Physiotherapy Equipment £49,011

Physiotherapy at Seashell takes a 'person centred approach' for the health and wellbeing of children and young people with complex disabilities helping them to access education, maximise their functional independence and fulfil their physical potential. As all our young adults have communication difficulties, exercise also makes an important contribution to their mental health and well-being. We have amazing results from students who work with our physiotherapists, particularly in terms of reducing spasticity, increasing mobility, and improving confidence and self-esteem.

Item	Number Required	Cost	Total
<b>Acheeva Beds</b>	4	£8,500	£34,000
<b>Hydrotherapy Sensory Equipment for pool</b>	1	£10,000	£10,000
<b>Sara Steady Standing Frame</b>	1	£2,200	£2,200
<b>Paediatric Shower Trolley</b>	1	£1,511	£1,511
<b>Standing Slings</b>	3	£350	£1,050
<b>Basic wheelchair (for emergencies)</b>	1	£250	£250
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£49,011</b>

#### Seashell Active Equipment £12,550

Wellbeing is fundamental to our health and happiness. Seashell Active offers a range of inclusive sports, wellbeing, health, and leisure activities for supporting people with learning disabilities, available for both our students and the wider community. Our aim is to keep people active and develop relationship-building opportunities that enable our students, staff, and those from the wider community to have fun, make new friends and live a happier, healthier life.

Item	Number Required	Cost	Total
<b>Water arm bike for the gym</b>	1	£6,000	£6,000
<b>Activity and sports equipment – small items</b>	Various	Various	£3,000
<b>Pool extraction boards</b>	2	£1,250	£2,500
<b>Pool chairs</b>	3	£350	£1,050
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£12,550</b>

## Seashell experiences and activities

### Breaking Boundaries Activity Break £39,000

Through attendance at the Activity break we aim to promote inclusion, encourage independence, and build self-confidence through the safe provision of adventurous activities at Bendrigg Trust. As well as being a lot of fun, it also gives disabled young people exercise, and helps them improve stamina and co-ordination even if the young person has limited movement or profound learning disabilities. The young people can take part in many activities usually not accessible to them such as rock climbing, abseiling and canoeing.

Item	Number Required	Cost	Total
Royal College Manchester Activity Break – May 2024	15	£1,300	£19,500
Children in residence holiday – throughout the year	15	£1,300	£19,500
*Costs include staff places, waking night staff and medical team			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£39,000</b>



### Activities - short breaks & residence £10,000

Through our short breaks and residential homes, we provide many opportunities for our children and young adults to experience a full range of recreational activities both on and off site. Through activities we are supporting the growth in their independence and providing opportunities to achieve their own dreams and aspirations.

Item	Total
Short breaks (respite) activities/day trips	£3,000 per annum
Summer festival – on site at Seashell	£2,000
Evening club	£1,500 per annum
Art materials for art club	£1,500 per annum
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,000</b>

### Family Support £12,550

Our family social events provide a special time for all our Seashell families to come on site in a relaxed environment to enjoy and share time with their child or young adult. We aim to provide 2/3 events each year that will usually host a BBQ/catering, provide activities with a special festive fun event at Christmas, Seashell Sparkle! Through these events families can have time and space to talk to other families, promoting friendships therefore strengthening their support networks and decreasing the isolation that many of our families find themselves experiencing.

Item	Number Required	Cost	Total
Information and training workshops for parents	10	£1,000	£10,000
Family social events – Christmas, Spring and Summer	3	£3,500	£10,500
Community sensory social events – aimed at families with pre school age children with hearing loss/are deaf, vision impairment or multi-sensory impairment	6	£250	£1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£12,550</b>

## Children's Able and Disabled Sports Programme

Our award-winning CADS programme offers a wide range of fully inclusive activities as well as health and wellbeing options during school holidays and through weekly clubs. We offer holiday clubs, a Saturday club and specialist activities (climbing, football, swimming etc.) on a weekly basis. We ensure that the activities on offer can be accessed by all young people no matter what their ability or disability, and one to one support can be provided for those with more complex needs.

### Impact

CADS provides the opportunity for children to access high quality, inclusive physical activity and well-being events supporting their physical health and well-being. Attending CADS events improves confidence and self-esteem and enables friendships and social interaction that many fail to obtain due to lack of opportunities. One to one support provides families with the knowledge that their child will be fully supported and safe whilst also giving them respite that is often desperately needed.



Camp dates	Number of children requiring 1:1 support	Cost
Easter Camp	120	£8,250
May Half term	90	£6,187.50
Summer Camp	240	£16,500
October Half Term	60	£4,125
Christmas Camp	30	£2,062.50
February Half Term	60	£4,125
Saturday Weekly Club (30 weeks)	150	£6,562.50
16+ Youth Club for Seashell residents	35	£15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>£62,812.50</b>

**“My son Dylan has Downs Syndrome, autism and is a non-verbal communicator. I felt very emotional and teary looking through all the activities that he will be doing. He has never had access to anything like this during school holidays before.” CADS parent**

## Projects

### New Horticulture Outdoor Learning area £40,000

Using a horticulture-based learning programme is one of the greatest motivators for our students and brings immeasurable benefits including increased self-confidence, greater interaction and exploration. Having a programme where activities are focussed and fixed has also enabled students to increase their mental flexibility. The current site houses outdoor buildings that are not fit for purpose and is across the campus away from the main school building which presents huge challenges for our students to transition to the outdoor learning area.

Item	Number Required	Total
Landscaping and utilities installation	Various	£20,000
Large accessible outdoor shed	1	£10,000
Accessible hi-low tables and furniture	Various	£5,000
Raised bed, bedding plants and resources	Various	£5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£40,000</b>

**When you support Seashell, your generosity will enable the children, young adults and their families to live more independent and fulfilling lives – [thank you](#).**