

Dear Parents and Carers

As a group of local schools, we recognise that the current cost of living crisis is of concern to a significant number of local families and that everyday essentials are becoming increasingly difficult to fund.

With this in mind, we have come together to see how we are able to support you during this time of difficulty and to ensure that you know the places that you can go to seek additional support.

The Foodbank continue to be able to offer food parcels to families and, if you feel this would be of help to you, please can you approach your child's Head Teacher directly and they will be able to refer you to the Foodbank. You can collect your food from the Foodbank or they will deliver you a food parcel directly to your home.

The Foodbank are also able to issue fuel vouchers to the value of £49, towards your fuel costs. You can receive up to 3 vouchers within a 6 month period. Once again, if you feel that this would be of benefit to you, please approach your child's Head Teacher.

Our local library also have food vouchers to the value of £15, that you can collect from there directly.

FareShare are a charity who look to redistribute food, primarily from supermarkets, that would otherwise go to waste. If you register the details of your family with the charity, then you will be able to attend the local FareShare market, which is held in the Leisure Centre car park on a Friday, and they will provide you with food to feed your family for a minimal cost.

As local schools, we are very fortunate that a local businessman has kindly agreed to donate regular sums of money for us to use to support local families. We want to ensure that this money goes to those families who need it most and so, if you feel that you are in need of additional support, please complete the Google form via the link below. This will help us to identify the areas in which we can best support you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScClnrLSviHtJSdb_vCQ6iERM2kM91OH4X-ddqnl4AEkAxYZQ/viewform

In addition to all of the above, we have wider links to other community groups where we can access further support with items such as warm clothing, Christmas costs etc. Once again, please do get in touch if you feel this would make a measurable difference to you and your family.

Should you have any further questions with regards to this, please do ask.

Kind regards,

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