



Tuesday 27th October 2020

Financial Support Update

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware from recent news coverage, the government has decided not to extend the free school meals scheme over this half term.

We understand that many additional families within our school community will experience difficult and uncertain times due to the Covid-19 virus and this may result in financial implications due to loss of income or increased pressures on low incomes.

Below are a few links to provide information to assist families on how to access various levels of support.

Barnet Council

This is a news release from Barnet council. It includes some links to sources of support for families who need it.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/space2grow-school-holiday-food-grant-fund-launched-barnet-council-and-young-barnet-foundation>

Foodbanks

Any parents needing immediate help should contact their nearest foodbank – a list can be found here.

<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/covid19-food-banks>

St. Vincent De Paul Society – community support projects

Please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/request-help> and complete the “contact us” form.

Gingerbread – charity supporting single parent families

Please visit www.gingerbread.org.uk/coronavirus/

Family Action – charity supporting families

Please visit www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/

Family Action is a charity working to tackle some of the most complex and difficult issues facing families today – including financial hardship, mental health problems, social isolation, learning disabilities, domestic abuse, or substance misuse and alcohol problems.

Family Fund – Charity supporting families with disabled or seriously ill children

www.familyfund.org.uk/

Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people.

Turn2Us - Turn2us is a national charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially www.turn2us.org.uk/



Turn2us helps people in financial need gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help – online, by phone and face to face.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Advice and support for parents on low incomes
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/help-if-on-a-low-income/

If you have any questions about this letter, during the half term break, please contact the school by emailing office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net and we will get back to you.

Thank you,

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