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Support for Our Families (St Vincent De Paul Society)

Dear parents / carers,

It is normal for families to struggle, or to need help sometimes. Most of the time we turn to other family members, friends or to our communities for that help and support. But, sometimes, that help is not enough.

When someone has so little, the worry, panic and helplessness that comes with the rising cost of living can be overwhelming.

We recognise that our school and its community can help support our families in need and we wish to offer any help that we reasonably can.

Support through school from the St Vincent De Paul Society

Presently, our school staff are taking part in a 25 days of Christmas food collection to offer food hampers to our families in need.

We have also partnered with the St Vincent De Paul Society who have generously gifted school the ability to support our families further. This may include an offer of food vouchers, providing clothing, contributing to a gas and electricity bill or purchasing Christmas presents for children. There may also be other ways that we could support you and we will help where we reasonably can.

While some families have openly shared ways that school could offer support, there may be families in need of help that we are unaware of.

If you are struggling, we warmly encourage you to contact school in any way that you feel comfortable to request non-judgemental support. You can contact school via email, app message or speak confidentially with any member of our staff. While the support we can offer is limited, we would love to help where we can.

Support directly from the St Vincent De Paul Society

St Vincent De Paul volunteer members visit and help anyone in need, regardless of faith, ethnicity, status or sexual orientation. For Decades, the essence of their work has been that person-to-person contact or spending time with people is their greatest gift. They call this befriending and they can therefore support people in a variety of ways, such as:

- providing food, clothes or furniture
- helping with transport
- offering friendship and support



- providing financial assistance, where able
- raising funds to send children to holiday camps
- supporting migrants, refugees or people seeking asylum
- offering care to the terminally ill and their families through end-of-life companionship.

This is not an exhaustive list and volunteers can be involved at any level that you feel comfortable.

To request support from the St Vincent De Paul Society please access their website or speak to any member of staff at school that you feel comfortable <https://www.svp.org.uk/our-work>.

We look forward to supporting our families in need and would like to thank the St Vincent De Paul Society in advance for their generous donation and offer of support for our families.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Cain
Deputy Headteacher

