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Support for Low Income Families who do not qualify for Free School Meals

Dear Parents / Carers

In light of the wide impact of cost-of-living increases especially for food and fuel, Wiltshire Council have made the decision to reach out to lower income families with children of school age, who do not qualify for free school meals.

The Central Government Household Support Fund has been distributed by councils in England to directly help those who need it most. The grant is distributed through small payments to support vulnerable households to meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities.

To make sure families in hardship receive the funding in a timely manner, Wiltshire Council are seeking the support of every school to help distribute these funds this Autumn.

Due to this unique funding opportunity, it will be within the school's gift to identify the parents that might be facing financial hardship and afterward, how much they want to offer each family that comes forward. It is anticipated that the payments would be in the form of supermarket or fuel vouchers.

If you are on a low-income, not eligible for free school meals and are facing financial hardship due to the higher cost of living, please contact Ally Carne by email on ace@avenue.wilts.sch.uk by Friday 25th November 2022 and let us know if you wish to be considered for a discretionary payment. Please note that your information will be kept confidential.

Yours faithfully

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