

4th November 2024

Dear Families,

Household Support Fund

I am pleased to announce that we have access to further funding to support families on low incomes with food and utility costs through a new round of the **Household Support Fund**, being administered by Devon County Council -Early Help and Action for Children. A privacy notice regarding this is available [here](#).

The scheme runs until the **31st of March 2025**.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food

- Support with energy and water bills for household purposes

Such as, for example, insulation or energy efficient items which reduce bills, the purchase of essential equipment such as fridges, freezers, ovens, slow cookers or costs associated with obtaining, installing or repairing/servicing such items (e.g. a boiler). Likewise, to invest in simple energy efficiency measures which will pay back quickly, such as insulating a hot water tank, fitting draft excluders to a front door, or replacing energy inefficient lightbulbs or essential electrical items. The intention of this is to provide sustainable support which results in immediate and potentially long-lasting savings for the household.

- Wider essential needs not linked to energy, water or food

These may include, but are not limited to, support with other essential bills, which if unpaid would prevent the household from either earning income or would make them lose income. Items such as broadband or phone bills, clothing, period and hygiene products, transport-related costs such as repairing a car, buying a bicycle, or paying for fuel/transport fares. This list is not exhaustive.

This fund is NOT able to provide funds for the following (which is **not** an exhaustive list):

Items deemed non-essential, washing machines, driers (often heavy consumers of energy), furniture, flooring, and school uniforms (for the latter issue the school should be contacted initially).

Please note:

- Approved funds will be sent directly to families via BACS payment.



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- There will be no food vouchers available in this scheme
- DCC can only accept one application per household within this round (HSF6) of the scheme, which will run from 1st November 2024 to 31st March 2025
- If a family have previously received hardship funding from Early help applications to HSF they will be considered. However, families who have not previously received funding will be prioritised.
- This is not an emergency fund, and due to the huge demand, we have experienced previously, please understand that processing these applications can take up to 8 weeks.

If you consider yourself to be eligible, please speak to Mrs Webber who can complete a referral form for you.

A privacy notice regarding this is available [here](#).

Regards

Mr O'Sullivan

Head Teacher