



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cost of Living support and Pre-loved uniform

As a school we are always keen to help families as much as we can by sharing regular updates of support available, within school and in the community. We do this regularly throughout the year but, at this early stage of the term, wanted to write to you with some new information we have been asked to share with you.

Crisis and Resilience Fund

We are all aware of the increasing pressures on household budgets, with the constant changes in price of food and fuel adding additional expense to our budgets. Depending on circumstances, there is support for families through the Crisis and Resilience Fund with a range of essential needs, including:

- Food and essential household costs
- Energy bills and heating emergencies
- Essential household items
- Housing-related financial difficulties
- Advice and support to improve long-term financial resilience and money management

Further detail is available through the website link below and in the attached leaflet.

[Crisis and Resilience Fund | Worcestershire County Council](#)

If anyone has any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me in school and I will be able to help you further.

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Pre-loved Uniform

Children seem to grow very quickly, particularly over the summer period, and soon need uniform items updating. We are always keen to support families with the cost of school uniform when we can, by offering some good quality pre-loved uniform that has been donated to school by parents/carers. We would like to have some of this available during our Meet the Teachers Drop-In Afternoon in October, allowing you to take some good quality items for a small donation. Our supplies have become quite depleted so we would be grateful if anyone has any school uniform items that are still in good condition that they could donate to us. This can be jumpers/cardigans, shirts/polo shirts, ties and PE uniform items. We would also welcome any school shoes in good condition as these are helpful through the year. Please could you donate items to the school office.

Further support

We also work closely with other community groups such as New Starts and Catshill Foodbank. There is more information about what we can offer on our website link below but please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of help in anyway in the future.

[Aston Fields Middle School - Help & Support for Families and Parents](#)

Kind regards,



Mrs Mynott

Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

Are you struggling with essential costs, heating or housing?
Support is available through the
Worcestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund

Help when families need it most

The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) can provide support for families experiencing a financial crisis and helps Worcestershire households build long-term financial resilience.

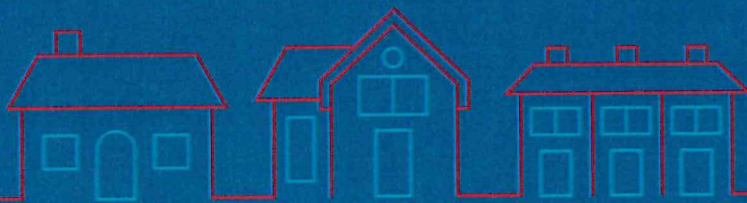
The fund can help with:

- Food and essential household costs
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What support could families receive?

Depending on the circumstances, support may include:

- Cash payments
- Energy vouchers
- Supermarket vouchers
- Essential household goods
- Advice and support services



Scan the QR to find out more or visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/CRF



What support is available for families?

Oil and LPG Energy Support Scheme

Support is available for low-income households that rely on heating oil or LPG and are struggling with rising fuel costs.

Crisis Payments

If a family has experienced a sudden financial shock, such as illness, an accident, loss of income, or a household emergency, they may be able to receive urgent support to help meet essential needs. All applications are assessed based on individual circumstances.

Heating Repairs and Replacements Scheme

Help may be available if a family's heating system has broken down or developed a fault and they cannot afford the repair or replacement.

Housing Support

Housing Payments may be available if a family receives Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and needs extra help with housing costs, such as rent in advance or rental deposits.

Need advice?

Any family can contact their local Worcestershire Advice Network (WAN) partner:

- Food and essential household costs
- Energy bills and heating emergencies
- Essential household items

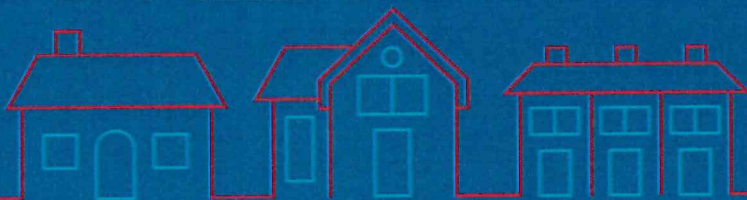
Free and confidential advice is available on benefits, housing, debt, energy costs and other cost of living support.

Find support

Worcestershire Advice Network: www.worcestershireadvicenetwork.org.uk

Cost of Living Support: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support

Energy Advice and Support: www.actonenergy.org.uk/area/worcestershire



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