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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As the winter months approach, I am aware that some of our young people and their families are facing increasingly challenging circumstances caused by the current cost of living crisis. I know many of you are having to make some very difficult decisions and are worried about the impact this will have on your children.

I want to reassure you that as a school, we are continuing to look at the different ways in which we can support families. We are reviewing our sports clubs, Breakfast and After School Clubs, extra activities and uniform suppliers to ensure no unnecessary costs are being passed on to families, and looking at how we can subsidise trips or put in place payment plans to help spread the costs. A preloved uniform scheme, Food Bank vouchers, pastoral and parent support and signposting to charities and agencies that can help are also available.

Furthermore, I thought I would take the opportunity to signpost the Government's ['Help for Households'](#) scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, including help with:

- Household costs
- Energy bills
- Food bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs

A range of online tools can help you check quickly and efficiently the support you might be eligible for, and how to access it.

Dudley Council currently offer a range of help including a new £150 emergency payment for people in need of help. The single one-off payment is available to households in the borough, where residents are on a low income and in financial hardship. Payments can be used to help with food, essential goods and paying fuel and water bills. Click [here](#) for more information. Advice and information to support anyone struggling with the rising costs of day-to-day life can be found on the [council's website](#). For anyone who does not have access to the website, they can contact 0300 555 2345 for help and guidance.



I hope the above information is helpful and we will continue to look at ways Colley Lane can support families. However, if there is anything else you feel we could be doing to provide further assistance at this time, please do get in touch.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Simpson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher