

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that in these unprecedented times, we have access to a limited amount of funding to support some of our families in a couple of specific areas. In order to best distribute this additional funding, we need your help to identify which of our families are eligible.

Firstly, some of you will no doubt be aware of the campaign by Marcus Rashford, which has led to a Winter Food Voucher scheme for families who are eligible for Free School Meals and those in more vulnerable situations. The voucher scheme entitles families to £15 per week per child for the two week Christmas break and the February half term. The electronic voucher, which can be used in a variety of shops, will be emailed along with some additional information towards the end of term to all eligible families.

The next area where a limited amount of support is available is with technology. Our remote learning is now being accessed through Google Classroom. The online learning will be in the form of set tasks, as opposed to live lessons, in order to allow families to access the learning at appropriate times for the household. The use of a computer, tablet or even a phone is needed in this situation to access Google Classroom. Whilst we fully appreciate that juggling devices for all those at home that require them is difficult, we would like to be able to support those most in need.

Please could you inform us if your child would not have access to any device or internet should they be in a situation where they would be self-isolating?

The other grant I would like to make you aware of is a Winter Grant that will enable us to support families experiencing extreme difficulties with some fundamentals such as: heating, utilities, microwaves and even fuel vouchers.

We understand that sometimes it is difficult to ask for help but please see this as us reaching out and if we are able to, we will support those most in need.

Please email office@berrywoodprimary.co.uk if you think you are in a situation we can help with. If you would rather email me directly, please do so using lrodbourne@berrywoodprimary.co.uk

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Yours faithfully,



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