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## Our Community and the Cost of Living

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family had a restful break and we welcome you back to the new year here at Hodge Hill College.

Now more than ever, with the rising cost of living, many families are feeling the squeeze. As a school, we are actively seeking to do whatever we reasonably can to support our students and their families with these rapidly growing pressures.

From Thursday 5 January, we will be opening West Canteen to pupils every morning before school between 8:00am and 8:30am to provide a free breakfast including toast and hot drinks.

If you are facing particular hardships this winter, please feel free to get in touch with us here at Hodge Hill College at <u>householdsupport@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk</u>. All requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and we will look at what support we are able to practically provide.

Further information about support being provided by Birmingham City Council for the cost of living crisis can be found on <u>https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/livingsupport</u> and this may be of use to you in signposting where you can get help, support, and advice if you are affected.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we have a second-hand store of pre-loved uniform items, all washed and ready if you need them. Please get in touch with the school at the email address above if you would like to take advantage of this.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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