



# Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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28 June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Support for Low Income Families who do not qualify for Free School Meals**

In light of the wide impact of cost-of-living increases especially for food and fuel, Wiltshire Council have made the decision to reach out to lower income families with children of school age, who do not qualify for free school meals.

The Central Government Household Support Fund has been distributed by councils in England to directly help those who need it most. The grant is distributed through small payments to support vulnerable households to meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities.

To make sure families in hardship receive the funding in a timely manner, Wiltshire Council are seeking the support of every school to help distribute these funds before the summer holidays.

Due to this unique funding opportunity, it will be within the school's remit to identify the parents that might be facing financial hardship and afterwards, how much they want to offer each family that comes forward. It is anticipated that the payments would be in the form of supermarket or fuel vouchers.

If you are on a low-income, not eligible for free school meals and are facing financial hardship due to the higher cost of living, please write to myself as the Headteacher to let me know you wish to be considered for a discretionary payment.

Please reply by 9am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Any letters of application after this date and time will not be considered.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Ridley  
Headteacher

*Proverbs 22:9*

*The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*