21st September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Cost of living crisis

As a school we want to do everything we can to support our students and families during the current cost of living crisis. We are, therefore, setting up a uniform swap shop where parents and carers can donate, swap and pick up pre-loved items of uniform. This will take place on the last Friday of every month from 2.45 p.m. -3.45 p.m. with the first event taking place on Friday, 30th September. Please enter the school via main reception.

Please also see the information below from Liverpool City Council about other support that is available.

Liverpool Citizens' Support Scheme

If you find yourself in crisis you can apply for support to get food and basic necessities for you and your family including gas and electric vouchers (urgent needs) and furniture and household essentials (home needs).

An emergency or crisis might be a fire or flood, or you have had to move due to violence or fear of violence, or you are leaving care or prison and need support to stay in the community.

Am I eligible for support?
If you live in Liverpool or you're moving to the area, you can apply for support if you are over 16 and unemployed or on a low income, or receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit only)
- Tax Credits
- Personal Independence Payments
- Universal Credit

We can also help if you are leaving care or need support to stay in the community after an emergency or crisis.

How to apply
Call Freephone 0800 456 1523 or 0151 233 3053 Monday to Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

You will need to confirm your identity and address and we will get in touch with you if we

need further information to support your application.

Funding for the scheme is limited and we need to consider the number of people applying for help and what funds are available.

How many times can I apply for a home needs or urgent needs award?
There is normally a limit of two awards in a 12 month period following the date you receive your first award.

If you receive a home needs and urgent needs award as part of your first application, this counts as one award.

However, we know that additional problems or crises occur and in special circumstances we may consider making another award.

Cobalt Housing

If you live in a property that is run by Cobalt housing, they can also offer support for gas, electric, uniform and other items. Please see their website for further details.

Yours sincerely

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