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Subject: Support Available for Families – Crisis and Resilience Fund

Dear Parent / Carers,

We are writing to share information about support available for families who may be experiencing financial difficulties.

Hampshire County Council is delivering the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), which offers help to households facing sudden financial pressures or changes in circumstances.

What support is available?

Eligible families may be able to receive a one-off Crisis Payment to help with essential costs, such as:

- Food
- Energy bills
- Basic household items

Support is based on individual circumstances and is intended to help with urgent or short-term difficulties, as well as prevent situations from becoming more serious.

In addition to financial help, you may also be able to access:

- Budgeting and financial advice
- Help to maximise income
- Debt support
- Information about local community services

Who may be eligible?

You may be able to apply if you:

- Live in Hampshire
- Are experiencing financial hardship, such as struggling to pay for essentials like food or energy
- Have had a sudden change in circumstances, such as loss of income, reduced hours, or an unexpected expense
- Have an immediate need (for example, a broken appliance or urgent housing-related issue)
- Either:
 - Receive a means-tested benefit (such as Universal Credit, Pension Credit, or Housing Benefit), or
 - Are on a low income after essential living costs
- Have limited savings (usually under £6,000)
- Are unable to resolve the situation without going without essentials or getting into serious debt

Each application is considered individually, and not all criteria need to be rigid—if you are unsure, it is still worth seeking advice.

How to access support

Until the end of September 2026, Citizens Advice is working with Hampshire County Council to provide this support.

You can contact Citizens Advice directly, or if you would prefer, we can help you access this support.

Further information is available here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/crisis-resilience-fund/crisis-support>

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We encourage families to seek support early, as this can often make a real difference.
If you would like to speak to us, please contact the school office in confidence.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'N Jones'.

Mrs N.Jones
Headteacher