

Our Ref. MMc/CLP

27th March 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I want to highlight information provided earlier this term in relation to changes to Government support for the **Household Support Fund**.

As previously shared, the Household Support Fund will end on **31 March 2026** and will be replaced by the **Crisis and Resilience Fund** from **1 April 2026**.

The information below was received from Cheshire West and Chester, which school is passing on.

Families receiving Free School Meals

Families receiving Free School Meals, who previously got automatic payments during the school holidays (as part of the Household Support Fund), will now need to **apply** to the **Crisis and Resilience Fund** if they need help during a financial crisis.

We understand that the holidays can be difficult for families on low income, so applications will open early, on **Wednesday, 18 March 2026**, for these families. The link below will allow you to do this.

[School Holiday Support Payment | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

If you're not in receipt of Free Schools Meals but need help with a sudden financial crisis, you can apply for the **Crisis and Resilience Fund from 1 April**. More information about the Crisis and Resilience Fund, and how to apply from 1 April 2026, can be found here:

[Crisis and Resilience Fund | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Get support now

If families require support now, they can also visit the Council's cost of living support webpages which bring together information about financial help, advice services, and emergency assistance:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living>

There is also support available through the Holiday Activities and Food Fund (HAF): [Cheshire West Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

And on Live Well Cheshire West where residents can search for a range of services including food provision, activities, and more: [Home | Live Well Cheshire West](#)

In the meantime, school enquiries can be sent to householdsupport@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



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Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night was held last night and welcomed 52 guests who had bought tickets for an evening filled with Bingo, an Egg hunt, prizes, food and hot/soft drinks. A great evening.

All proceeds from the evening will go to the Sixth Form Business Enterprise Team.

My thanks to Kate, the Sixth Form Team and an extra special thank you to Tracey, Stef, Jenni, Brianna, Kirsty and Karl, Charlene Charlotte and Mr Power for their support in making the evening run so smoothly.

School Diary Dates

- School closes for the Easter break **Wednesday 1st April** and will re-open for pupils on **Monday 20th April**.
- Whole school fundraising event for **Red Nose Day** (non-uniform option and a school disco for a £1 donation)- **Wednesday 1st April**.
- School closes for the May Bank Holiday **Friday 1st May** and re-opens for pupils on **Tuesday 5th May**.
- Summer Fair **25th June, 1:00pm- 2:30pm**.
- Year 13 and Year 11 leavers last day- **Friday 10th July**.
- Transition week for Year 7-12- **Monday 13th – Wednesday 22nd July**.
- School closes for the end of the school year **Wednesday 22nd July** and re-opens for pupils on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

Yours faithfully,

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