



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about ways in which we can help support you and your child.

Uniform and resources

As you know, we are able to provide school uniform and PE kit for students who qualify for the government Pupil Premium scheme. This is around the time that you may be starting to think about new clothes for September. If you wish us to purchase anything for your child or children, please get in touch with me – Helen Green (Assistant Head Teacher), giving the sizes that you require. The school will then purchase them for you. However, if you do make purchases yourself, we can reimburse you but only if we are given the **original receipt**.

Parents who do not qualify for the Pupil Premium but are experiencing financial difficulty and need support with uniform may also get in touch as we maintain a small fund to assist when we can. We have a large stock of stationery for use by students who qualify for the Pupil Premium so please contact me if your child needs equipment. Alternatively, please remind your child they can request help with this by speaking to their form tutor or to me in Upper School Office.

Household Support Fund (HSF4)

I would like to make you aware of a new government scheme called the Household Support Fund (HSF). This is a grant awarded to local authorities by the Department for Work and Pensions to help vulnerable families and households facing financial difficulties in paying for food, energy and essential living costs.

Schools, in addition to other professionals working with families, such as Early Help and Safeguarding teams, can apply for this grant on your behalf. The funds are calculated at £64 for the first adult in the household, £20 for partner or spouse and for each dependent child under 19.

If you would like school to apply for this grant on your behalf, please email either myself (hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk) or Mrs Ourabi (courabi@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk). We will need to know your date of birth, national insurance number, and a brief reason as to why you would like us to apply for the funding.

Pastoral Support

If you are worried about your child or children's personal development, for example, regarding mental health, bereavement, anger management, risky behaviours, self-harm, and so on, then we have a range of different support options available in school. The school offices (Heads of Year – emails below - and Heads of School), Mr Partridge (SENDCo), our School Nurse and Pastoral Support Worker can provide personalised support.

Head of Year 7: Mr Poplawski (jpoplawski@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Head of Year 8: Mrs Smyth (ssmyth@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Head of Year 9: Mrs Stott (estott@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Head of Year 10: Mrs Dodson (vdodson@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Head of Year 11: Mr Sellers (msellers@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Head of Year 12: Mrs Bamber (pbamber@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Head of Year 13: Mrs Farina (zfarina@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council also provide support through their Early Help provision. This individualised support is a way of working in partnership to overcome and/or prevent any problems at their early stage. We work closely with the Early Help teams to support individual students and their families and have seen many positive outcomes from the work done.

The links below will give you a greater insight into the aims of Early Help.

[Early help - Derbyshire County Council](#)

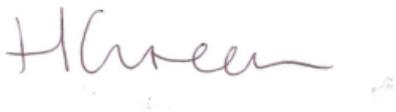
[Early Help - Derby City Council](#)

In addition, if you need additional support in specific areas then can I recommend you look at the DCC Early Help Directory ([dcc-earlyhelp.pdf](#) (ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)). It will signpost you to other agencies which can provide information and support. If you need any help navigating this directory, do get in touch with us at school and we can help you.

Finally, can I also let you know that our “Parents” page on the school’s website contains a wealth of information related to safeguarding and well-being.

If you have any questions, please get in touch either via email or by ringing the school (01332 840645).

Kind regards,



Helen Green
Assistant Head – Diversity, Equality and Inclusion



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Deputy Head – Safeguarding Lead