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Dear Parents,

Apologies for writing to you during the summer holidays and worst still during the bank holiday weekend, but I am increasingly concerned regarding the current and escalating 'Cost of Living' crisis and wanted to reach out. The Governors and I are extremely dedicated to levelling any financial barriers to our children at Radley Primary School, ensuring that all children have access to all the opportunities we offer. As a parent I know that it can be difficult if finances are tight, and would not like to think of any members of our school community suffering or going without in silence, when there may be things that we as a school can do to help.

Therefore, there are a number of things I would like to reassure you about at this stage of the year:

School Uniform

Please be reminded that we have a large stock of 'pre-loved' branded school uniform in stock, for a fraction of the price of new, and it so much better for the environment! Jackie holds this and will take donations for these. It is also absolutely fine if your child wears unbranded uniform items such as jumpers, cardigans, PE polo shirts and PE sweatshirts, such as those available from the supermarkets.

School Trips

As a school, we will this year limit the number of trips that require payment. We will plan one 'big trip' (£25ish) and two smaller ones (no more than £10) per year. We will endeavour to give you time to pay in instalments if this helps. If you have any problems paying for these, please do get in touch, we may be able to help.

Collections, Sponsored Events, Fundraising

Any events of this type will be on a strictly voluntary basis. Children will be able to participate in the event regardless, but if you are unable to make a contribution, we will ensure that this remains confidential and that the children remain unaware of what others have paid/donated/raised.

School Lunches and Snacks

As you will already know, we will be offering hot meals again in September. Children's lunches in Reception and KS1 are free due to the universal free school meals offer. Children in KS2 may also be entitled to free school meals, please get in touch to see, or if there is a problem with paying for school meals. There are always plenty of fruit snacks left over, so if you are unable to provide one for your child, please let us know and we can ensure your child has a snack mid-morning each day.

Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10

If you have any other bright ideas about what else we can do as a school community to help, such as developing a mini food bank, collect pre-loved school shoes/trainer that have been grown out of (or would like to help!) we would love to hear from you.

Most importantly though, If you are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet, or are worried about it, please do email me, in strictest confidence of course, on: head.3238@radley-pri.oxon.sch.uk

We are here to help and may also be able to find other channels of support during this time.

I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Thomas
Headteacher