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Winter Grants

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to make you aware of support offered by Stevenage Community Trust available for those in financial hardship. The support consists of two grants: one for heating and one for a Christmas gift card.

The referral forms are generated by Stevenage Community Trust and must be submitted to them by the school. Please read the additional information below and if you have any further questions, please contact our Family Support Worker, Mary Bull. Referrals must be submitted by **Monday 20th November**, so please ensure you have made contact by this deadline.

Heating Grant:

- Successful applicants will be awarded a £300 heating grant which will be paid directly to their energy provider. Payment details must be provided.
- Beneficiaries must be in financial hardship through low-income employment or state benefits. Applicants do not need to be in receipt of state benefits to qualify. Working families on a low income or people in receipt of a pension will be considered for a grant.
- Please see the attached form and complete it as fully as possible. Forms should be returned to maryb@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk by Monday 20th November. If there are any queries with the form, we will contact you. If you require any support filling in the form, please contact Mary Bull by Monday 20th November.

Please be aware that we must submit details regarding weekly expenditure as part of the referral, including any mortgage payments and weekly electricity and gas bills etc.

Christmas Grant:

- A £150 gift card is available to local families to help children enjoy a happier Christmas.
- The beneficiary must be the main carer for at least one child under 18 who permanently lives with them.
- Beneficiaries must be in financial hardship through low-income employment or state benefits.
- The following information must be filled in and returned to our Family Support Worker, Mary Bull, via admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk. If you have any difficulty in doing this, please ask at the office to speak to Mary Bull and she can help you. Please ensure you have made contact for the referral to be filled in by **Monday 20th November**.

Parent/guardian name(s)	
Address (incl. postcode)	
No. of children in residence	Ages of children
<i>Briefly explain why the family is in financial hardship.</i>	
<i>What adversities has the family faced?</i>	
<i>Is the parent(s)/guardian(s) in employment? If not, reasons why?</i>	
<i>Are any absent parents providing financial help? If not, reasons why?</i>	
<i>Where possible, is the family making steps to improve their situation?</i>	
<i>Any other relevant information?</i>	

Referrals will be submitted by the school. We regret that not every application will be successful. We will notify you if you are successful in any of your applications as soon as we hear back from Stevenage Community Trust.

Kind regards,

Lodge Farm