

4 December 2020

To: all Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the Christmas holiday period, we are very aware that for some families 2020 has been especially challenging and hard and that for some, family's circumstances may have changed.

There has never been a time in recent history where supporting the community and one another has been more important. We know for many people this winter will be challenging for a variety of reasons, and there will be a lot of people who will need help with things like paying the bills and buying food, and many people who have never needed help before.

At Taverham High School we are keen to support our families over this period as much as possible. We can support you in accessing the Winter Support Offer from Norfolk County Council, a scheme that is designed to support as many families as possible this winter to access financial and other support if they are facing hardship.

Help is also available to those suffering hardships because they are having to self-isolate or support their child or have vulnerable family members self-isolating; again, as a school we can support you in making an application to access this support.

Families can access the Norfolk Assistance Scheme. Initially this is a 2-week provision which includes:

- Morrisons food boxes.
- Additional support with household essentials like nappies, formula milk and cleaning products.
- PayPoint top ups for gas and electricity.
- Daily living allowance for living expenses and household bills where needed.

If you are concerned about the forthcoming holiday and need some assistance, or would like to discuss your concerns, please contact me directly at r_ricketts@taverhamhigh.org and I will arrange a time to speak with you to see if we can support you in anyway.

Yours faithfully



Ms R Ricketts
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