

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/s/ Carer/s

Support for Learning

Last week, we were delighted to receive a large financial donation from St Mark's Church as well as some additional donations from staff. This means that we will shortly be able to distribute extra food vouchers to 31 pupils as well as purchase 10 more devices to help support home learning.

Please let the office know on Monday 8 February if your child/ren would benefit from receiving a device to help their home learning, and feel free to ask again after half term should your current device fail you, as we now have a collection of recycled devices that we can distribute, too.

Half Term Food Vouchers

Following the implementation of the WSCC scheme to issue supermarket vouchers to parents and carers of children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) over the Christmas Holiday, this approach is being replicated for the February half term.

In recognition of how financially challenging recent months have been for many families across the county, the value of vouchers will be increased from £15.00 to **£20.00** per FSM child for the February half term.

Those children and families that are not eligible for FSM will be able to access support for food and essentials via the WSCC Community Hub.

The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 08:00 – 20:00 7 days a week

More information can be found at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/support-continues-to-be-available-for-west-sussex-families-in-need/>

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We send a big thank you to Friends of North Heath for our pupil resources packs for this term. As ever their work continues to be directed towards supporting every pupil. We received a donation of over £1600 at the end of January to help with this and we

are delighted that they will also contribute substantially towards the costs of our new library. We'll make sure that we send you photographs after half term so that you can see the finished installation.

Attending School

Whilst we continue to be delighted at the approach to learning we see in school, we do want to say just how much we miss everyone else. Schools need children, and without everyone attending things simply don't feel right. We all very much hope for change for the better as soon as possible but in the meantime, if you feel that you do need support, please let us know via your class teacher or the office.

We may not be able to move mountains or alter the impact of a global pandemic, but we can all do our bit and offer our willingness to listen and help wherever possible.

Kind regards

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Headteacher