

Stanbridge Lower School



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Leighton Buzzard
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Dear Parents,

We have been asked to make you aware of various support available to families should they need it and the details are to follow. Please also let us know in school if we can assist in any way at all - all matters will be dealt with confidentially of course.

Support available with the cost of living

Household budgets are being squeezed more and more as energy, fuel, inflation and food prices continue to rise. It's important everyone knows how to access the benefits, payments and support options available.

Children's Centre Crisis Fund

We have set up a new Crisis Fund to support families with household bills and payments, and other items, throughout the winter and into 2023. There is £45,000 of funding available through the Crisis Fund, which will be administered through our nine Children's Centres.

What is the funding for?

Funding will be available from December 2022, with vouchers available to primarily cover household bills and payments.

Emergency support will also be available - for example, to replace an essential household appliance that's broken, like a fridge or washing machine, or to ensure children in the household have winter weather clothing.



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Who is eligible?

We'll be using the funding to support families already known to the Children's Centres who use our services. And our partners, including in health, housing and education, will be able to refer families in need for extra support.

How do I refer a family?

If you are aware of a family who may be in crisis, in arrears with household bills or even with childcare costs you can refer the family to their local children's centre, or the family can contact the centre themselves.

Dunstable Children's Centre: 0300 300 8104

Houghton Regis Children's Centre: 0300 300 8115

Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre: 0300 300 8880

Flitwick Children's Centre: 0300 300 8111

Sandy & Biggleswade Children's Centre: 0300 300 8114

Shefford & Stotfold Children's Centre: 0300 300 8112



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