



**HURST HILL PRIMARY**



Dear Parents/Carers

As the cost of living continues to rise, please find below some resources that you may find useful.

### **Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF)**

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on means- tested free school meals during school holidays.

More details can be found at <https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/>

### **Free school meal vouchers**

Dudley council will be funding £15 food vouchers for children who are entitled to means-tested free school meals during the October half term. These will be sent via email week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are not already registered and think you may be eligible please apply at

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

### **Hardship fund**

Dudley Council are also continuing the Hardship Fund to help those families most at risk of poverty related issues. The increase in the cost of living easily demonstrates the need for this type of support for our children and families who sometimes don't meet the 'published PP or disadvantaged criteria' and slip under the radar.

We have been allocated a small amount of money for families who may need additional support. Please ask to speak to Mrs Pilbeam in the school office or email [info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk)

### **School uniforms**

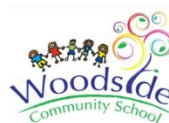
New statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms was issued in November 2021 that requires schools to make sure families get value for money on school uniform and PE kit, including by limiting items with the school logo - which can be more expensive - and allowing families to buy most items from high street retail options, including from supermarkets. Hurst Hill Primary's uniform policy (available on the website) reflects this guidance

Sew on badges can be purchased for £2.50 instead of logo sweaters or cardigan. We also have pre-loved items for 50p. Please ask at the school office for sizes available.

If you have any questions, please ask at the school office

Yours sincerely

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