



Chestnut Grove Academy

HEADTEACHER: Mr. Christian Kingsley MA MSc NPQH

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Dear Families,

In order to support the families hard hit by Covid19, I am PROUD to inform you that we have raised in excess of £10000 through a crowdfunding campaign on www.donatemysechool.com. I am truly moved by the way the wider community came together to uphold Chestnut Grove's ethos of compassion, support and unity, enshrined in our PROUD values. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you who have been supporting this campaign with your enthusiasm, donations and genuine sympathy for the cause. The level of solidarity in our community is unparalleled and is indeed a ray of hope in these gloomy circumstances.

Immediate funding and assistance are now available to the families who need essential support, such as food, toiletries, internet access, etc. **If your family needs urgent support, please contact your child's RSL, Ms Jolley (our Welfare Officer) or Ms Fabiani (Assistant Headteacher).**

If your need is less urgent, the following grants may be of help:

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials will fund items for a child's basic needs such as beds, cookers, hot meals or other items for a child's wellbeing due to family circumstances. The school is registered to make referrals and can do so on family's behalf. This process has a 10-day turnaround once the application has been submitted.

<https://www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

- **South London Relief in Sickness Fund** which will provide on-off grants for people who are ill or in financial need to purchase furniture, kitchen goods and clothing for residents of Lambeth and Wandsworth. The school has to apply for the individuals who may then be contacted. The next date for consideration of grants is 23rd June 2020.

<http://www.slrsf.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

- **Talisman Charity** will provide grants for those who are 'going short' towards education, health or housing. The school has to apply on behalf of families and families must sign consent. The process has a 4-week turnaround and unsuccessful applications are not notified.

<http://www.talismancharity.org/>





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- One of our local counsellors has also offered to help Wandsworth families access the **Wandsworth Emergency Grant Fund for urgent needs** <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits-and-support/discretionary-support-grants/apply-for-a-wandsworth-discretionary-community-care-grant-or-crisis-payment/>

If you need further information regarding non-urgent support, please contact **Ms Noble (Development Manager)**.

All Chestnut Grove staff are PROUD to be serving such a POSITIVE, RESILIENT, OPEN-MINDED, UNIFIED and DETERMINED community. The success of our campaign to support families in need is reassurance to us all that we will overcome this challenge together!

Yours faithfully,

Christian Kingsley
Headteacher
Chestnut Grove Academy – A Creative Learning Community

