



24th April 2020

Dear Families

Parent Survey and PTA Fundraising Campaign for Families Affected by Hardship

We are writing to you about our Parent Survey and also a fundraising appeal launched today by the Sydenham School PTA to support families who have been affected by hardship as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Parent and Carer Survey:

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us to continue to adapt our provision and meet needs during the closure. Please complete the short survey accessible at this [link](#) to give your feedback on the following:

1. Remote learning
2. Communication from the school
3. Unexpected changes in your family's circumstances resulting in problems for which you may need some support
4. Offers of help for the PTA's appeal to support families in need

We very much appreciate your feedback. Please complete this survey by 5pm on Wednesday 29th April.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teachers for advice with their home learning if required. Further advice for families can be accessed through our [Information for Parents and Carers](#) page on our website.

Message from the Sydenham PTA about the Fundraising Campaign to support families in need:

Our Sydenham School community needs your help.

We pride ourselves on being a caring and inclusive community, where all our young people can achieve and thrive, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Right now, in these very difficult times, more families than ever are facing financial hardship. With parents and carers losing incomes, an increasing number of students and their families are in need of our support. The PTA has already donated £1,000 of shopping vouchers to support Sydenham School families, but we know we need to do more. Can you help?



While schools remain closed, Sydenham's teachers have been providing an extensive programme of home learning. The school has provided many laptops to families who require them, but we know that there are still some students who don't have access to a tablet/laptop or the internet. Although the government recently announced an initiative to provide some IT and data to disadvantaged students, we know that the majority in need will be excluded from this. As a result we have students who are falling behind and will continue to do so unless we take action as a community.

We urgently need your help to raise funds to make sure that all of our students can continue with their learning in these unprecedented times.

We estimate we need to raise a minimum of £5,000 to meet the needs of students who are currently suffering from financial hardship making it hard to afford basic needs or are digitally excluded from accessing their education.

All contributions, however large or small, will go towards helping these students. If we raise more than we need, the surplus will go into a hardship fund to further support students in need once we return to school.

The Sydenham School PTA thanks you for your generosity and understanding. You can donate directly at this [link](#) or search for Sydenham School at www.donatemyschool.com.

Yours faithfully

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