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Dear Parents

We know that many families across the country are facing additional financial challenges due to the COVID-19 virus – maybe because of lost earnings or delays in receiving benefits - and we want to be able to help out where we can.

I have recently been in contact with Hetvi Parekh, a local mum who is currently working together with food banks in the area, helping to coordinate supply and distribution of basic essentials, along with other volunteers, as part of the West Bridgford Helper's Group and the charity, Sewa Day.

*To find out more, follow the link to this recent news article:*

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/how-edwalton-mum-helping-keep-4011334>

The volunteers are keen to help as many local families as they can, but just need support in order to reach out to those in need. The group have offered to bring food and toiletries to Abbey Road so that school staff could create parcels to distribute. No personal data would be shared – school would only need to provide numbers and staff would take on all distribution. We could also add basic stationery to these parcels, should you require any additional paper, pencils or books for children to write in during this period of school closure.

I know that it can be difficult to ask for help but anybody can find themselves in a challenging situation, money-wise – often these things are beyond our control. If the above offer would be of any help to your family, please get in touch either by calling school – 0115 9748055 - or by emailing any one of the following people, who are co-ordinating this provision:

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The West Bridgford Helper's Group and Sewa Day would also welcome any donations, including the following: long life milk, pasta, baby food, sanitary wipes, hand washes, tinned food, biscuits and snacks. Anyone wishing to donate can email Mrs Parekh via: [hkp117@gmail.com](mailto:hkp117@gmail.com).

Take care and stay safe,

Ly Toom

