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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Family Support Opportunity

We are acutely aware of the impact the current monetary crisis can have on family budgets, therefore we would like to support families with this in any way possible, especially at this time of the year.

Currently, we have a few different but linked opportunities that we are pleased to be able to offer to parents, carers and students of our academy community.

The first is our ongoing food provision, which is already being utilised by families in our academy community and we feel this could benefit others. This fresh food provision happens with the help of Langar Aid, where they collect and redistribute some of the over 7 million tons of food that is thrown away every year in the UK. This food is collected from local charities, supermarkets, businesses and producers and we are excited to be able to offer FREE short dated, surplus fresh food that would otherwise go to waste for families in our community to utilise. Please note, as mentioned, this support is obtained through an external charity organisation, therefore we are unable to know in advance when these collections will be available as well as the frequency of them.

Other opportunities that are linked to this market are the availability of female hygiene and oral hygiene products. Again these have been supplied by various charity organisations for us to distribute within our academy community.

In relation to clothing, the market also has a stock of preloved winter coats, which have been washed and are available for collection. Lastly we are pleased to be able to offer a large selection of preloved and brand new good quality academy uniform items in various sizes.

If you feel the food market and other clothing and hygiene supplies provision is something that would benefit your family, please complete this [google form](#) to indicate your interest and we will be in contact with you regarding our next pick up times. Please note that **if you already access this provision**, please complete the form again to ensure our records are up to date.

If you have any further questions about the above please contact me via the Academy's main number or email maxinebromley@graceacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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