



# KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL, ABERGAVENNY

*Ysgol Brenin Harri'r VIII*



## Support for Families

The global COVID-19 pandemic has brought many changes to our communities. Some families may have been impacted financially due to redundancies and job losses. There are lots of ways that families can access support when money is tight. Please take a look at the information below.

- ✓ For families who are struggling with food and issues around isolating and support, can contact MCC help – [partnerships@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@monmouthshire.gov.uk), needs will be assessed by our social worker colleagues and possible emergency food parcels can be arranged or referral on to foodbank or other sources of help.
- ✓ Monmouthshire Money Advice services can help families with money issues and debt and can be found here <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-advice/> and <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-debt/>.
- ✓ Families can also call MCC contact centre 01633 644644.
- ✓ If you are finding it difficult to afford enough groceries and other items for home, please contact us at the school and we can link you with Abergavenny Food Bank
- ✓ If you are a tenant of Monmouthshire Housing Association, Pobl or Melin Housing, they will be able to work with you to ensure you are claiming all of the benefits that you are entitled too. They also each have a hardship fund that tenants can access.

### Benefit Claims

If you are unsure if you are claiming the correct level of benefit, you can contact Advicelink Cymru's helpline for direct support on 0808 250 5700. There, you will receive quality assured and confidential advice on your benefit entitlements and access to the full range of other advice and support that is available through the Welsh Government's Single Advice Fund services.

You can also check what you may be entitled to on the Welsh Government website - <https://gov.wales/claim-whats-yours> We have also developed a toolkit for our stakeholders.

### Covid-19 financial support

If your family has been affected by the by the coronavirus pandemic, please see the leaflet below to check what support you can access.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-06/financial-support-leaflet.pdf>

<https://llyw.cymru/sites/default/files/publications/2021-01/cymorth-ariannol-i-unigolion-taflen.pdf>

### Discretionary Assistance Fund

The Discretionary Assistance Fund (DAF) is a demand driven grant fund offering payments or in-kind support (essential household items and white goods) to provide urgent assistance to people to safeguard health and well-being. For further information please follow the link below.

<https://gov.wales/discretionary-assistance-fund-daf>

### Support with School Uniform and Equipment

Funding to buy school uniform or a device for home learning is available for every secondary school student. Follow this link <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access> to get more information. You can also call the shared benefits service on 01495 742291 or 742377.