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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Our Christmas Parcel

This year Christmas will be very different for all of us but we will do everything possible to make Christmas as normal and as familiar as possible for our children.

In an attempt to do so, we have put together a 'Christmas Parcel'. This document explains exactly what we intend to do for our children during the festive period and also explains how we will ensure each activity is Covid secure.

Our Christmas Parcel is attached for your information.

In delivering our Christmas Parcel for all 151 children, we will incur a range of costs. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we have missed our Easter Fair, Summer Fair and now our Christmas Raffle. These events alone usually raise approximately £3,000 for our school funds.

In addition to these lost fundraising opportunities, we are having to meet additional costs associated with Covid-19 and our enhanced cleaning schedule.

In the meantime, I am in the difficult position of having to ask our parents and carers to support our school and make a voluntary donation to our school to help us to meet the costs of providing the Christmas Parcel for our children.

I appreciate that this is asking a great deal, especially as some of our families have experienced furlough and even redundancy during this extremely challenging time.

I promise that every child will receive the full range of activities detailed in our Christmas Parcel even if their families are unable to contribute but for those families who are able to do so we would very much appreciate your voluntary contribution.

It has been suggested that I give a 'guide' in terms of how much this voluntary contribution should be and this has been very difficult to gauge as I do not want to put additional financial pressure on anyone. For anyone who can afford a £5 donation this would be fantastic but anything you can spare would be very welcome.

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If you are able to contribute more this would help to support those of our families who are unable to contribute at this time and once again, our Stanhope Barrington family can pull together to ensure ALL of our children have a great time at Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support for our school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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