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Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the main purposes of School Council has always been to raise money for those in need. Over the years, School Council have organised a great deal of fundraising events for both national and local charities and pupils at Old Catton have always enjoyed taking part in these events. Even though the world looks a little different at the moment, School Council have made it clear that they would still very much like to continue to help those in need.

At this time, more than ever, we feel that it is incredibly important to support those in need in our local community and while we are still very much aware of our role as citizens within the wider community of the UK and further, we feel that our efforts would be best placed this year in helping those who are a part of our school and local community. With this in mind, we have decided that we will continue to arrange fundraising events throughout this academic year but any contributions that we ask you to make in support of these events will go directly to helping families or individuals within the community of Old Catton Junior School as well as our local community.

As with any of our fundraising events, there is no obligation to provide money or material goods if you do not wish to do so. We know that at this time, we must be sensitive to the economic changes within our community and we do not wish for any families to feel that they have to make contributions if that cannot do so. With this being said, every child is welcome to take part in the events throughout the year, regardless of whether they are able to make a financial or material contribution or not.

We have decided that our first fundraising event will take place on Friday 13th November on 'Children in Need' Day. All pupils are invited to come into school in non-school uniform (and wearing spots if this is what they wish to do) but instead of making a financial contribution to the Children in Need charity, we are asking that pupils bring in a non-perishable food item to add to a food parcel. There will be tables or boxes placed at all entrances to the school so that pupils can place the food items on the table, or in the box, without having to bring these into school and we will, after quarantine, organise these items into food parcels for those in need in our local community.

We hope that you understand and support our decision in this matter and while we feel that our efforts would be best placed within our local community, this does not mean that we do not value or respect any national or global efforts to support those in need. At this time, we feel that charity needs to begin 'at home' and hopefully, we can return to supporting both local and national charities in the near future.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Miss Emrick and School Council