

FOR SUPPORT AT SCHOOL....JUST GIVE US A SHOUT!

SCHOOL UNIFORM & CLOTHING

- Provide pre-loved uniform at our school uniform swap shop.
- Support with Uniform grants.
- We have a selection of pre-loved coats available to anyone who needs one.
- We have a wide range of Christmas jumpers, Halloween costumes, World book day costumes and Christmas Concert costumes available to anyone who may need one.
- Support from our FEO regarding support with grants and accessing them.
- "Sun Safety Station" in the Summer months is set up outside the main office which supplies water bottles, hats & Sun cream (parents can apply there and then before the school day).

Did you know....

There is lots of different support we can offer here at Ogmores Vale Primary. If you need support then 'Just give us a shout' via the email below.

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Please email any of your needs to the email above and we will discretely work on providing any support we can as soon as possible.

FOOD SUPPORT

- We provide a free breakfast club for all pupils to access.
- Our FEO can help families access food bank vouchers.
- We have our own Food Pantry with a variety of fresh & ambient foods available to all parents. These are £4 and are prepared for families to collect Tuesday after school.
- We advise and support families on how to access 'Healthy Start scheme' which allows them to purchase milk, Fresh or frozen fruit and vegetables and fresh or tinned pulses.
- We can advise and support families on how to access 'Discretionary Assistance Fund' which will provide a grant to help pay for essential costs, such as food, gas, electricity, white goods etc.

HOME - SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

- The Summer term we keep the school grounds open on a Wednesday after school for a safe space for families and children to play and access free play equipment.
- From January of each year, we offer parents/Carers the opportunity to open a savers club.
- Some of our clubs included the addition of an adult family member which helps support relationships, well-being and allows our families to attend a leisure activity for free and enhances their well-being.
- We hold a free Baby and Toddler group every Tuesday morning. This is open to everyone in the community and there is no cost.
- We provide in-house well-being support to help support children who may need it. Pupils can be provided with Shine, Elsa and Lego Therapy.
- Parents views are taken in a questionnaire we send out 3 times a year which includes questioning regarding what support they need as a family and if they feel the school supports their child to access all enrichment activities.
- We host regular Coffee mornings with outside agencies such as Employability and BCBC where parents can discuss support they may need and access courses to support getting back in to work.
- We hold a Christmas Toy Drive in December and open it up to all families who may be struggling with the financial pressures of Christmas.
- We hold Holiday enrichment sessions during the school holidays to provide parents with support for entertaining their children during the holidays. These sessions are free and allows our pupils to engage in fun activities.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF SCHOOL

- School trips are consciously spread through the academic year so large sums of money for bigger trips are not asked for in one space. We endeavour to limited trips to 3 a year unless there is an important curriculum progress that could come from a visit. Parents can pay in instalments via the school app.
- School contributes a percentage of 'school fund' money to bring down the price of trips if they are higher in price.
- We have many free extra-curricular activities pupils can attend. If they are not free, they are kept at a very low price.
- Any school events i.e: discos and film nights will now offer a 'family ticket' at a lower cost for those who have 3 or more pupils in the school.
- We encourage children to manage their money by taking part in Savers club on a weekly basis. This helps pupils understanding of budgeting.
- We produce a 'Termly Event Planner' for parents to give lots of advance warnings that may have any cost implications.
- Charity events are kept to a minimum and never go over 3 a year and is entirely voluntary and pupils will never be questioned regarding this.
- As a school we limited the days children come to school not in uniform (e.g. children in need, red nose day, St Davids day) and make the theme something you usually already have lying around the house. We do mark Christmas jumper day, but always keep a supply of these ready if needed. These can be obtained via our F.E.O.