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## **Local Support**

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during my first term at BBEC. It really is an honour to serve such a special community.

I hope you are all looking forward to the festive season and enjoying quality time with family and friends, but I also appreciate that, for many of you, it will be a very difficult time in terms of coping with the cost of living crisis.

I'm sure you understand that these costs also have a significant impact on our school finances, and we too are struggling to manage such a surge in prices.

With this in mind, although we are unable to provide financial support directly, I would like to draw your attention to some local support groups which may be of benefit over the holidays.

- The Sandale Trust offers welfare and support for young people, including breakfasts and lunches free or at a discounted cost. They also offer advice on benefits and work. <a href="https://sandaletrust.org/">https://sandaletrust.org/</a>
- OnTrak Community Initiative provides support with clothing, furniture and domestic items and is an invaluable resource in our community https://ontrakcommunity.org.uk/community-work/
- Below are some links to local foodbanks: <a href="https://bradfordcentral.foodbank.org.uk/">https://bradfordfoodbanks.org.uk/</a>
- A lot more information about the support on offer in the Bradford area, including warm spaces, can be found using the link below:
  Cost of Living booklet (costoflivingbradford.co.uk)

With very best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.











