

Dear parents and carers

We appreciate that we are entering a period where the cost of living is going to rise dramatically and budgets are now under significant pressure.

As a school and a part of our community we would like to identify some things the school can do to help-

- **Our Breakfast club provides free food.** The charge is for child care. We have always extended an open invitation to parents who want to stay with their child, eat and relax. If you stay with your child then **all food**, including anything you would like to eat, is **completely free**. Breakfast club opens at 7:45 am and closes at 8:45 am.
- **Uniform Recycling-** We would like to set up a high quality uniform recycling service. This would be good for the environment. There would be a nominal charge (£1 For two items) and any money made would go into the PTA fund which is used to buy the children extras like toys for wet play and playground equipment. In addition the savings for families could be significant when purchasing uniform for your children.
- **Free school meals-** If you find your circumstances change you can claim for free school meals. The PSA (Claire Johnson) can support you with this.
- **Every Family at Berrycoombe has a library of over 5000 books (Free).** Our library is online. MyOn is our amazing online library. Every book your child reads links to Accelerated Reader. They can quiz and do comprehension questions or get the app to read the book out loud if they just want to relax. If you are struggling for devices at home talk to the PSA.
- **Foodbank Vouchers-** As a school we are able to refer families for a foodbank voucher. If you find yourself needing a voucher then speak to Claire Johnson confidentially for a referral.



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## We need your help to set up uniform recycling

**Donate** → **Prepare** → **Buy**



### Can you donate unwanted uniform?

We will set up a donation point at the school gate and collect daily. All donations will be washed and prepared.

### We need volunteers

We will bag up the uniform into manageable amounts.  
We will send out regular appeals.  
We are asking for volunteers to wash and iron 1 small bag of uniform and bring it back to the office

### You can also support the school by buying uniform

We will have regular fortnightly sales from a pop up shop on the playground.  
2 items for a £1  
All money to the PTA fund