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Dear Parents,

## Poverty Proofing the School Day

We all know that rising costs of living, job losses and stagnant wages are currently placing a lot of pressure on family finances. We are working with your school as it strives to remove any barriers to children's learning, ensuring pressures on household income doesn't have a negative impact on any child's education.

We are currently working in St John's to support the school to 'poverty proof' the school day. This means your school is looking to ensure that every child has the same opportunities throughout the school day. We are speaking to all pupils, teachers and governors and would like to get your views as parents too. We will be discussing things such as access to trips, after school clubs and music tuition, the costs of uniform, how free school meals are administered and how students access food during the school day.

I will be in school between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and it would be great to get the views of as many parents as possible. It would be really useful if you could fill in the online questionnaire by following this link ([www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VDDWN2L](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VDDWN2L)). Alternatively, feel free to contact me via the details below.

All responses are anonymous and you do not have to give your name.

We will be working with the school to address the issues raised and we will keep you informed about the work we plan to do.

Yours sincerely,

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