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Dear School Family.

We are in the middle of challenging times. Every single one of us is being affected by the pandemic. While some aspects of our daily lives appear to remain familiar, so much has changed.

As a school family we are trying to cope with social distancing, self-isolating, caring for family members as best we can who have symptoms and also coping with bereavement. At the same time, many families are also struggling financially. This will be for all sorts of reasons: self-employed and the C19 virus is impacting on business; furloughed or other forms of reduced pay; redundancy; loss of work through illness. There are so many reasons that times might be financially tough for us all right now.

We want to make sure that as a school family we support each other however we can and right now I know that we can support with 'Hug Hampers'. These will be a food and supplies parcel, a hug in a box if you like, that we will get to your family if you need it. We cannot guarantee that this will be weekly but we can promise you at least one. We are in the learning pit with this as it is new to us!

Here is what you need to know:

- If your family is struggling and you know you would benefit from a Hug Hamper then **PLEASE LET US KNOW**. There are no forms to fill out, no criteria you have to meet. If you ask for help, we are there for you.
- All you have to do is phone or email the school. You can email the admin ([admin@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:admin@mpsplymouth.net)) or headship team ([headshipteam@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:headshipteam@mpsplymouth.net)) or you can call (216160) and ask to speak to a member of staff that you know and trust. The important thing is that you get in touch.
- We will need to know from you how many people are in the house and if there are any special requirements that we can manage to support.
- We will then get that Hug Hamper to you as soon as we can.
- You **DO NOT** have to be a family who is in receipt of Free School Meals to have a Hug Hamper. This is for every single family. We all have times when things are tough - for short or longer periods of time. This might be your time to be supported rather than doing the supporting.
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As a school family, we all need to work together to make this happen. Therefore, each day outside of school there will be some boxes for you to make contributions for the hampers - just pop them in when you are out on your daily walk. We are looking for:

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| • Pasta, rice etc.                         | • Squash and long-life juice                                 |
| • Tins and jars                            | • Long life milk   |
| • Cereal                                   | • Bread if it is has a good shelf life (or part baked rolls) |
| • Biscuits, crisps and treats              | • Anything else that you can think of that isn't perishable! |
| • Washing up liquid, etc.                  |  |
| • Jars of spreads such as jam or marmalade |  |
| • Toiletries                               |  |



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Get families and friends involved and get them dropping off too. Together we can look after each other.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I would ask every single person to respond in one of two ways - look in your cupboard/add something to your next shopping list or pick up the phone and call school (or email) and let us know you need hamper.

My very best wishes

*Sam*

Mrs S Hunter  
Headteacher