

21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cost of Living



Cllr Amanda Chadderton, Oldham Council Leader, launched a support package for residents and shared the message below and details attached:

As you'll be aware, this is an incredibly challenging time for many people in our borough as thousands of households contend with the ongoing Cost of Living crisis.

That's why we hosted a Cost of Living Summit with local partners in July, to discuss how we can best support our residents over the next six months because there are huge concerns over how residents will cope this winter with increased inflation and rising energy bills.

Since then, we have been developing ideas as well as planning on how we can best support our workforce during this time and we are pleased to say that last week, Cabinet agreed a £3 million support package for our residents.

This support, funded directly from council resources, is going to focus on helping residents in immediate need. We're acting now so our residents are unlikely to need even more support in the future.

I just want to say a massive thank you for all your efforts in the ongoing Cost of Living response.

I know it's not been easy, coming out of the Covid pandemic seemingly straight into another crisis is incredibly tough, but I know that by working together we can help make a big difference in the coming weeks and months.

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/news/article/2365/oldham_council_to_launch_3m_cost-of-living_package?
mc_cid=f473fd6c32&mc_eid=5c97ff8a91&mc_cid=f473fd6c32&mc_eid=5c97ff8a91](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/news/article/2365/oldham_council_to_launch_3m_cost-of-living_package?mc_cid=f473fd6c32&mc_eid=5c97ff8a91&mc_cid=f473fd6c32&mc_eid=5c97ff8a91)

We can help website:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp?mc_cid=f473fd6c32&mc_eid=5c97ff8a91

National Burns Awareness Day - 13th October 2022

Over 1,300 children were treated in the burns service at RMCH between September 2021 -2022. Tea, coffee and kettle spills were some of the most common causes of burns in children.

Please find safety information attached to this newsletter.



Let's get reading - BOOM Reader

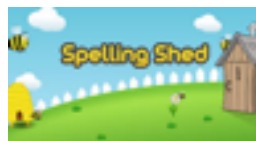
"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl



Well done to all the children and families who have logged onto Boom reader. We are pleased to announce the most home reading logs recorded on Boom reader this week.

Position	Name	Reads at home
First Place	Haseeb Hussain Class 6	46 home reads
Second place	Ayet Noor Sheraz Class 5	20 home reads
Third Place	Muhammad Rauf Khan Class 4	19 home reads

Spelling Shed Winners



Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	84,765,096	Inaya - Class 11
2nd	52,357,952	Hadi Malick - Class 11
3rd	25,836,050	Kayan Mahmood - Class 12

TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!



The most accurate Class	Class 11
The most active class	Class 6
The most improved child	Alyaan Raof - Class 2
The most active child	Sahil Waqas - Class 2

Reminder: Food Vouchers to cover the October Holiday 2022

You may have read in the local media that Oldham Council has been allocated £2.4m of funding to support vulnerable residents through its Household Support Fund. Some of this funding will be used to cover food voucher support for children eligible for means tested Free School Meals over the October holiday.

We want to ensure that those eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receive a food voucher to cover the October School Holiday at a rate of £15 per eligible child.

The most effective way of ensuring vulnerable families receive the vouchers that can be used in the Oldham supermarket of their choice is via a third-party online hub – known as WONDE.

WONDE is a data integration company already used by many schools in Oldham who offer a free school meal voucher system. This voucher system has a live link to your school's data therefore automatically recognises the students who are eligible for Free School Meals. The system should be quick and easy to use and produces the vouchers that can be used in most Oldham supermarkets.

If your child is entitled to income based free school meals, please look out for an email and/or text confirming that your voucher has been issued.

For more information go to: <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb> This includes a step by step guide of how to access the vouchers (once your school has issued them to you).

If you have any questions, please contact the school in the first instance.

For any families that are really struggling for food and provisions over the school holiday, please visit the Oldham Council website www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp which lists financial support and benefits that are available for residents.

Sport Camp

To book places for this half term please visit:

<https://oclactive.co.uk/holidaycampbookings/>

A reminder to our families that we finish for October half term on Friday 21st October and return to school at 8.40am on Monday 31st October 2022.



What support have we agreed?

Our support package contains a variety of new ideas and increased investments of existing support that will have a huge impact on the lives of our residents.

These £3m measures include; doubling the size of our Warm Homes Oldham programme, establishing warm spaces across the borough, more money into our community engagement team and helpline, and additional support to local organisations such as Oldham Foodbank.

For full details on our support package, you can read it in full [here](#).



How can you play your part?

It's important we all understand how residents can access the support they need during this time as many will be feeling the impact of this in their day-to-day lives.

We already have plenty of support available via our [We Can Help website](#) and our Emergency Helpline is in place to triage people's circumstances. But when residents contact us for support, advice and guidance, it is important we deliver them the best possible service – whether it be through our back-office services or on the frontline – there is no wrong front door for residents.

For example, this may involve signposting and/or referring residents to other council or partner



The Money Advice Referral Tool

As we work together with our residents to maximise their income and signpost them to services that support their underlying causes, we have developed the [Money Advice Referral Tool](#) with Greater Manchester Poverty Action to support our efforts.

A bitesize module will be available for you to access via the Development Academy when it launches in October, and we'll share more information on this in an upcoming Team Brief.



www.hotwaterburns.org.uk

HOT WATER BURNS LIKE FIRE

Avoid the horrors of scalding

UK Building regulations require by law that bath water must be regulated to a safe maximum temperature in newbuild domestic properties and major refurbishments which involve the movement or replacement of the bath.

Thermostatic mixing valves blend the hot and cold supplies to ensure that water from the tap is regulated to a safe temperature.

Ask your plumber to fit a Reliance® thermostatic mixing valve to ensure safety and compliance.



SAFETY GUIDANCE IN THE HOME

DO

- ✓ Install smoke alarms on each floor and test regularly
- ✓ Make and practice Fire Escape Plans with the whole family
- ✓ Run COLD water first in the bath or sink before adding hot water - test the temperature
- ✓ Install thermostatic mixing valves in all hot water outlets
- ✓ Keep saucepans at the back of the stove NOT near the front - turn handles to the back
- ✓ Keep electric kettles, irons, hair straighteners or wires out of reach
- ✓ Keep secure fire guard screens in front of open fires, heaters & radiators
- ✓ Store matches and lighters out of reach
- ✓ Store chemicals, cleaners and acids out of reach



DON'T

- ✗ Drink hot drinks while nursing a baby or child
- ✗ Put a baby or child into a bath or sink until the water has been tested
- ✗ Warm baby bottles in microwaves
- ✗ Use baby walkers - children move too quickly without control
- ✗ Allow children near BBQs or garden chemicals
- ✗ Allow children near fireworks
- ✗ Leave children unattended in the kitchen or near fires and heaters



COOL, CALL AND COVER

FIRST AID ADVICE FROM THE BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION

- 1** Cool the burn with running cold tap water for 20 minutes and remove all clothing and jewellery (unless it is melted or firmly stuck to the wound).
- 2** Call for help: 999, 111 or local GP for advice.
- 3** Cover with cling film or a sterile, non-fluffy dressing or cloth. Make sure the patient is kept warm.

A burn injury is for life.

Being burned or scalded as a child means years of painful treatment and, in the worst cases, hundreds of operations to release the scar tissue as the child grows.

By making a donation to CBT you will be making the lives of hundreds of children happier.

Disclaimer: No liability can be accepted by CBT or Reliance Worldwide Corporation (UK) Ltd for the consequences arising from following this advice which is offered for general guidance only to help reduce the risk of serious injury caused by burns and scalds.

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FIRST AID

Good first aid following a burn or scald can make an enormous difference in recovery times and the severity of scarring.

Two important things to remember are:



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1. **Cool the burn** with running cold tap water for 20 minutes and remove all clothing and jewellery (unless it is melted or firmly stuck to the wound)
2. **Call for help for any burn larger than a 50p coin** – 999, 111 or local GP for advice
3. **Cover with cling film or a sterile, non-fluffy dressing or cloth.** Make sure the patient is kept warm

STOP, DROP, ROLL

“**Stop, drop and roll**” is used when clothing catches fire. Children can get confused about when to stop, drop and roll. It is important to know when to do this. Children who do not have a good understanding of stop, drop and roll will sometimes do this if they burn a finger or need to get outside if the smoke alarm sounds.

Only use stop, drop and roll when clothing catches fire.

COOL the burn with running tap water, **CALL** for help, **COVER** with cling film



SUPPORTING



STATISTICS

- **30 babies and toddlers go to the hospital with a hot drink burn every day.** Keep hot drinks out of reach.
- **60% of all under 3 paediatric burn attendances to Accident & Emergency Departments are due to hot drink burns.** Keep hot drinks out of reach.
- **590 children a month require admission to an NHS Burns Service following a severe burn or scald injury.**
- **4,609 children under 5 were so badly burnt they were admitted to a NHS specialist burns service last year – over 12 toddlers every day.**
- **The most common place of injury is the home for children and the elderly.** For adults, it's the workplace.
- **Did you know hot drinks are the most common cause of burns in children? Something as common as a tea or coffee can have devastating effects.**
- **Prevention & good first aid are key to reducing the number of burns and scalds occurring each year.**
- **Irons & Hair Straighteners take longer than you think to cool down - 662+ children (0-14 yrs) last year were treated for burns from them.**

#CoolCallCover #BeBurnsAware #SafeTea

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Prevention of hot drink burns is easy using simple SafeTea rules:

- Keep hot drinks out of reach of young children
- Never carry a hot drink whilst carrying a baby
- Never pass a hot drink over the heads of young children

Ways to keep hot drinks away from children:

- Place hot drinks at the back of the kitchen surface
- Don't place a hot drink on a table cloth or cloth that hangs down so that a small child can reach and pull it down
- Make a safe place... a SafeTea zone for hot drinks... in your home where you and members of the family and visitors can keep hot drinks from young children
- Avoid drinking hot drinks around small children
- Always remind visitors to your home to 'Keep hot drinks out of reach of the young children'



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REMEMBER

KEEP SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT!

Bonfire night is great fun but accidents can happen if you are not careful. Most accidents happen to children under the age of 14...so here are some important safety tips for you to follow.

1. Don't go too close to the bonfire, you can easily get burnt.
2. Never throw anything on the bonfire once it is lit.
3. If you are given a sparkler, hold it at arms length. Never pick up a sparkler off the ground. It could still be very hot.
4. Fireworks are not toys. Only use fireworks with an adult.
5. Never go back and look at a firework... even if you think it has already gone off.
6. Keep your pets indoors, they get scared very easily.

