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Dear Parent / Carer,

For many, this festive season is a happy and magical time of year when loved ones come together to celebrate and share gifts. Modern lives are often incredibly busy and the Christmas school holiday affords many of us the opportunity to spend time with those close to us, catching up with family and friends.

However, we are aware that for some families this time of year can be difficult, due to financial hardship and the pressure of just trying to get by on limited incomes. It is for this reason that I am delighted to be able to share three incredible acts of generosity that have been made available to Ken Stimpson Academy families.

- **Kingsgate Community Church** have once again offered the school a supply of Christmas hampers to donate to our families who would value such support. These contain a selection of sweet and savoury treats, including crisps, biscuits and hot chocolate.
- **The Black History Committee Peterborough** is kindly supporting our families with a supply of 'Essentials' parcels. Members of our Sixth Form Student Council have been busy making up the parcels, each containing washing powder/pods for at least 60 washes, a packet of 18 toilet rolls and 1 litre of washing up liquid. This kind donation has been funded by the **Community Fund of Peterborough City Council** and we are grateful to our own **Miss Omondi** (Chairperson of Black History Month, Peterborough) who organised this generous offer of support for our families.
- **Ken Stimpson Community** – we are also asking for donations from staff and you as parents. If you feel able to contribute so that we can offer additional hampers/food parcels for that would be greatly appreciated. If you are willing these donations can be dropped off at Student Services by your children.

We have a limited number of these Christmas hampers and 'Essentials' parcels to go around and so will be distributing them as fairly as we possibly can, prioritising Ken Stimpson Academy families we are aware are on low incomes. We are also requesting that families only request one Christmas hamper or Essentials parcel, not both, so there is more to go around. If your family wish to be considered for one of these donations, click [here](#) to request your choice.

If you are applying for the Essential parcel, we also need to know if there are any disabled persons in the household that will be receiving the parcel. We will not be sharing any personal details with the charity but they require this information so they can audit which groups have been supported.

I wish to personally thank Kingsgate Community Church and the Black History Committee Peterborough for these incredibly kind donations. Acts such as these really do prove that it is better to give, than to receive at Christmas time; values that I hope all of our students can share.

I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Abbott
Assistant Headteacher