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Dear Parents & Carers

In recent days we have received information about the new government **Test and Trace Support payments** that are available for some.

Basically the guidance states:

Some school staff, parents and carers may be eligible for a one-off Test and Trace Support Payment of £500. This is payable in one lump sum from your local authority. To be eligible for a Test and Trace Support Payment, you must meet the eligibility criteria:

- *be on a low income*
- *be unable to work from home*
- *be at risk of losing income as a result of self-isolating*
- *be living in England*

Eligible parents or guardians of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting (even where they have not been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace) can also apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme if they are on a low income, unable to work from home and need to take time off work to care for a child who is self-isolating. Parents and carers do not require an NHS Test and Trace Account ID number in order to claim and schools are not required to register all children asked to self-isolate with NHS Test and Trace in the same way as staff.

The scheme is open to eligible parents and carers of children aged 15 and under, and parents of young people aged 16 to 25 with an education health and care plan. Further information on how parents and guardians can claim financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme is available.

Schools should provide parents and carers of children advised to self-isolate with the template letter. The parent or guardian will need to use this letter as supporting evidence as part of their application to their local authority for a payment from the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. Parents whose children are told to self-isolate by their school will not be able to apply for financial support without a letter.

When a parent or guardian applies to the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme because they need to care for a child who is self-isolating, their local authority will be required to contact their child's school via phone or email to verify information about the child. This includes the child's name, age and dates of self-isolation. This is a standard check against fraudulent claims, and may take place before or after a payment is made.

Please refer to this website which will direct you to the appropriate local council to apply to.
<https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Kind regards,
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