



Manor Green Primary Academy

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Thursday, 19th March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware, all schools in England have been instructed to close at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March, until further notice.

This has been an unprecedented and fast-moving situation and we have had to respond rapidly to the updated advice given to us. On behalf of all at Manor Green, I would like to thank those of you who have sent in and posted positive messages about all that we have been doing – these have helped lift everyone's spirits.

In this letter, I hope to give you as much information as possible as we move to this new way of working.

Please note: This plan has been written on the best information that we have now and is therefore subject to change.

School Contact

- ✓ manorgreen@focus-trust.co.uk
- ✓ (0161) 336 5864

Please use the main Manor Green email account as your primary method of contact and please avoid unnecessary emails where possible. The school office will be staffed between 9am and 3:30pm every day. With a skeleton staff, we will try and answer your queries as quickly as possible, but please be patient.

Home Learning

Your child was given a 'Home Learning' pack yesterday and for those who are already self-isolating, our TAs have hand delivered packs this morning. We have also uploaded ideas and activities on to the new 'Learning Off Site' section of our website (accessible here: <http://bit.ly/MGOffSiteLearning>). These pages will be updated on a regular basis. If you need additional support to help your child then please telephone the school office or drop us an email to the address detailed above.

Provision for Key Worker Children (Both parents must be Key Workers)

With a skeleton staff, we will provide a KS1 and KS2 provision between 9:00am and 3:00pm. If you believe you are classified as a 'key worker', then please let us know if you haven't already done so. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to provide your details using the contact details above.

'Care, Share, Fair, Dare, Healthy & Happy'



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Provision for children with an EHCP

If your child has an Education Health Care Plan, then your child is welcome to come into school, if they are well enough to do so.

Arrangements for children with external agencies involved

If your family are being supported by an external agency such as a Family Support Worker or Social Worker, then your child is welcome to come into school, if they are well enough to do so. If you choose to/need to keep your child(ren) at home, then a member of school team will make contact with you on a daily basis and may make home visits.

Provision for providing food for children entitled to free school meals

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and your child is well enough to come into school, then a meal will be provided every lunchtime. We would ask that you notify school if you intend to access this provision. If your child is not well enough to come into school, then a packed lunch can be collected from the school kitchen.

Robinwood Residential – Year 5

We have been in contact with Robinwood and as they remain open at this current time, they are not in a position to offer a refund but we are negotiating a change of date. We are continuing to liaise with Robinwood and will update you as soon as we have any further information to share.

London Trip – Year 6

We have been in contact with the team organising the London trip and, as they remain open at this current time, they are not in a position to offer a refund as they still consider the trip to be going ahead. We are continuing to liaise with the company and will update you as soon as we have any further information to share.

Additional Support/Advice

We will tweet and update our website regularly with relevant/helpful information. Please see the following pages for some additional support and advice that the Focus-Trust have collated.

Thank you to all members of the #TeamManorGreen community for their understanding through this difficult and challenging time. We are here to support you in any way that we can.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Vice Principal

Sources of Financial Support for Families

If you are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the Corona Virus pandemic, the following are trusts and charities which may be able to offer support. Application processes vary – some require a referral from a professional, others are a direct application from the family/individual.

Please be aware however that they may be facing higher than usual demand with lower than usual staffing levels.

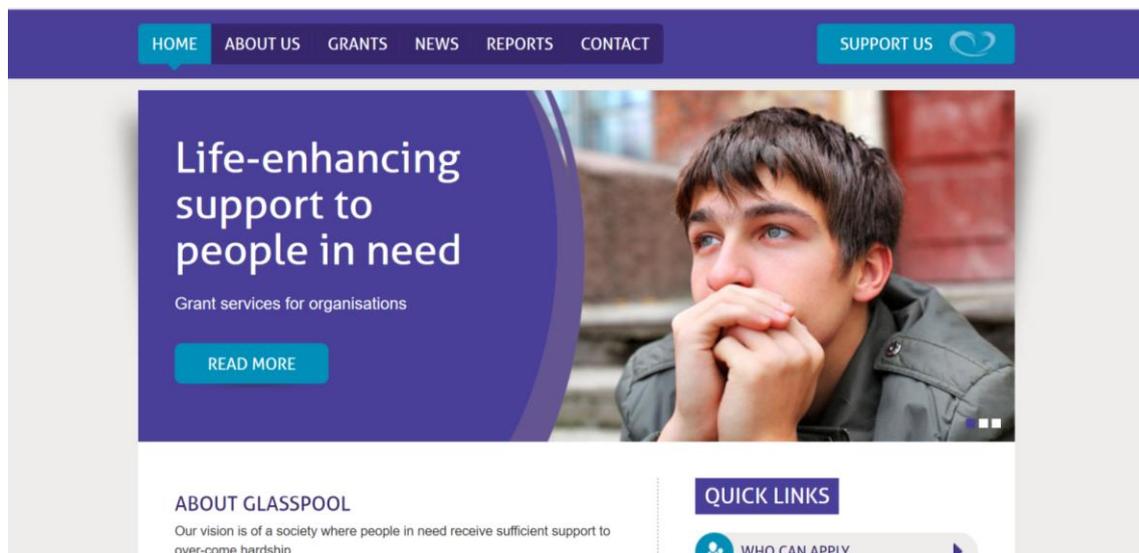
[Turn2us](#)

This is a charity that helps people in financial need to access welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help – online, by phone and face to face through their partner organisations. Their website has a wealth of information – including a benefits checker and a grants listing.



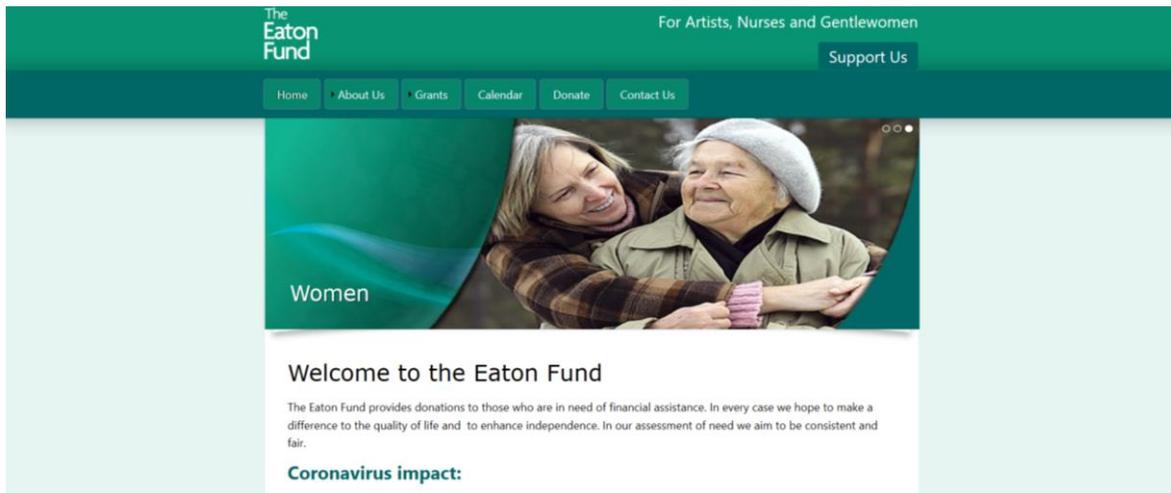
[Glasspool Charity Trust - https://www.glasspool.org.uk/grants/who-can-apply](https://www.glasspool.org.uk/grants/who-can-apply)

Giving small grants to individuals in need, which unusually, has no restrictions on the type of beneficiary. The usual aim of the grant is to help the beneficiary over a short term crisis. They do not accept applications directly from individual members of the public



[The Eaton Fund](#) - Grants to those who are in need of financial assistance, to make a difference to quality of life, to enhance independence and/or to improve career prospects for artists, nurses & women.

They are a small charity however and ask for patience at the current time whilst they distribute their available funds.



[Friends of the Elderly](#) -
<https://www.fote.org.uk/>

Grants available for home essentials, digital connection and general financial support. Must be managing on a low income with savings of less than £4000



Utility Bills

Many families may be struggling with or will struggle with utility bills – almost all of the main providers have funds for account holders which can support with bills and by providing household electrical items.

- [EON Energy Fund](#) - helps pay current or final EON energy bill arrears. It can also help EON's most vulnerable customers by providing replacement household items such as cookers, fridges, fridge-freezers and washing machines – and also help to replace and repair gas boilers as well as e-learning vouchers
- [EDF Energy Trust](#) - awards grants to individuals and families to clear electricity and gas debts owed to EDF Energy and to purchase essential energy efficient household items
- [npower Energy Fund](#)
- [Scottish Power Hardship Fund](#)
- [Ovo Energy Fund](#)
- [SSE \(Southern Electric\) Priority Assistance Fund](#)

British Gas Energy Trust offers grants and schemes that are open to anyone - you don't have to be a customer: **British Gas Energy Trust**

“ The grant has made such a difference – it means I don't have to choose between keeping warm and eating.
MARY, 78, CLIENT

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WW Spooner Charitable Trust

<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/w-w-spooner-charitable-trust-16013?iframe=False&postcode=hd22as>

Grants to individuals living in the West and North Ridings of Yorkshire. Grants have been given for helping the building fund of a new hall, clubs or homes for boys and the purchase of works of art for the benefit of the public. Grants also made to old employees of Spooner Industries Ltd. <https://www.spooner.co.uk/> or their dependants who are in need.

National Benevolent Fund



The National Benevolent Charity gives financial help and support to people who, through no fault of their own, are living in poverty. They can make grants to meet essential needs, purchase and arrange delivery of household items and supply vouchers for goods and services. Occasionally, the charity can make a weekly payment to supplement a meagre income and help the beneficiary through a difficult period.

The application process is straightforward but there are some strict criteria – applicants are asked to check they meet the criteria before applying. A supporting reference will also be required.

<https://natben.org.uk/apply-for-assistance>

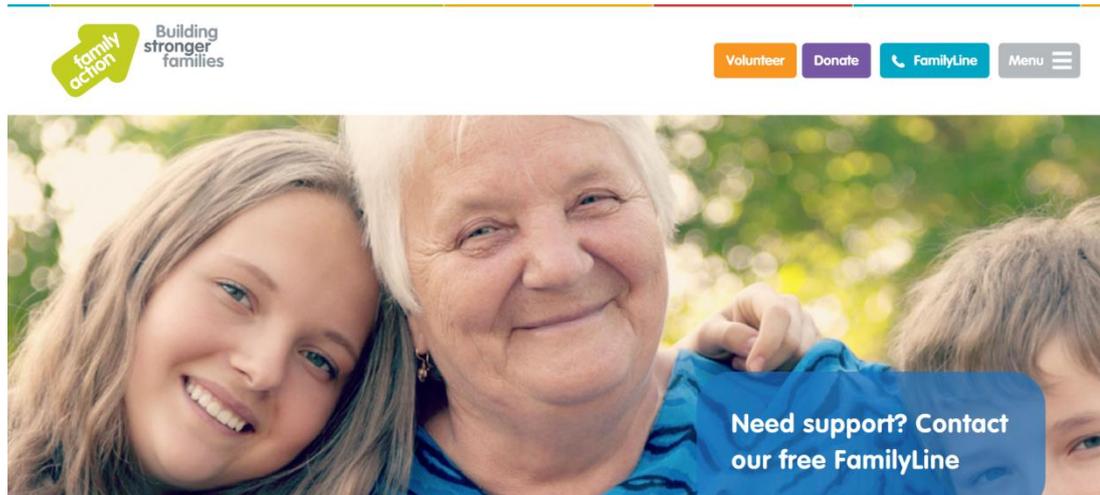
Banks to Offer Customers with Coronavirus Help with Overdrafts and Mortgages

Banks, building societies and [credit card](#) providers will offer mortgage holidays and other assistance to customers hit with coronavirus (COVID-19), the trade body for the industry announced. Customers may be offered repayment holidays for [mortgages](#) and [loans](#) and extended overdraft if their finances suffer while they're ill or self-isolating, UK Finance said.

Stephen Jones, chief executive of the trade association, said: "All providers are ready and able to offer support to their customers who are impacted directly or indirectly by COVID-19, which could include offering or increasing an overdraft or allowing repayment relief for loan or mortgage repayments: asking for help early is key."

He urged impacted customers to contact their provider as soon as possible to discuss the assistance available. <https://www.moneyexpert.com/banks/banks-offer-customers-coronavirus-help-overdrafts-mortgages>

Family Action Welfare



Family Action's Welfare Grants programme aims to help prevent an immediate crisis from spiralling and threatening the stability of families and individuals.

Welfare grants are an integral part of their whole family approach to finding solutions for those who

need it the most. Coupled with emotional and practical support, grants help Family Action to create a safety net for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants/>