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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Cost of Living Crisis**

You may have noticed that we have stepped up our efforts in order to raise much needed funds for the school. I would like to thank you for your generosity whether that has been in the form of donations, your time in supporting various fundraising initiatives, attending events or bringing in resources that may be helpful to the school. I am personally very grateful to you all and could not have wished for a more forthcoming and supportive parent body.

I am, however, very mindful of the needs of many families amidst the soaring cost of living. Central to the ethos of the school is the idea that we provide the highest quality of education to all, regardless of background. From the beginning, Frances Mary Buss subsidised school fees in order to improve access to education. Throughout the last 150 years, the school has had a long-standing tradition of supporting families in need so that all students can have the same opportunities.

We are committed to doing just that in this difficult economic climate. We would like to provide students and families with support and ensure everyone is able to access all opportunities presented to them that may incur a cost such as trips.

## **CSG Hardship Fund**

Camden School for Girls has always had a Hardship Fund set up by the Frances Mary Buss Foundation, supporting families in difficult circumstances. This year, we are very grateful to CASCA for making a contribution to the hardship fund in order to ensure we are able to help a greater number of families.

If you need support in meeting the costs of a school trip or buying school resources, please write to the Headteacher at <a href="mailto:csg@csg.school">csg@csg.school</a> outlining your situation and how we can support you.

## CSG collections

After half term, our Head Prefect Teams both in the Main School and Sixth Form will lead on collection drives to gather donations of toiletries, sanitary products and warm clothes. Please look out for messages on parent mail or the Banda. We will then aim to distribute these to our families, taking any surplus to local food and clothes banks. Many thanks in advance for your donations and, once we gather enough donations, please come and help yourselves to items that may help you.

## CSG Sanitary Hygiene Banks

Availability of sanitary hygiene products has always been high on the school agenda and teams of Prefects have, year upon year, raised money to tackle period poverty. We will now make hygiene products available in the toilets.

If you are able to contribute to our hygiene bank, we would welcome donations of sanitary products - please drop these off at reception.

We are committed to helping and supporting our families at all times and especially through the cost of living crisis. Please come forward and talk to us if you are in need of additional support, we are here for you and we will make arrangements that may ease the burden of rising costs. Please make contact with your child's tutor or Head of Year or use the email provided above. We will be sensitive and discreet and will endeavour to help you.

**Kind Regards** 

**Kateryna Law** 

Headteacher