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Dear Parents/Guardian

Poverty Proofing the School Day

We all know that rising costs of living, job losses and stagnant wages are currently placing a lot of pressure on family finances. We are working with your school as it strives to remove any barriers to children's learning, ensuring pressures on household income doesn't have a negative impact on any child's education.

We are currently working in West Park Academy to support the school to 'poverty proof' the school day. This means your school is looking to ensure that every child has the same opportunities throughout the school day. We are speaking to all pupils, teachers and governors and would like to get your views as parents/carers too. We will be discussing things such as access to trips, after school clubs and music tuition, the costs of uniform, how free school meals are administered and how children access food during the school day.

I will be in school from Monday 19th March 2018 until Friday 23rd March 2018 and it would be great to get the views of as many parents/carers as possible. It would be really useful if you could fill in the attached questionnaire and send it in with your child or place it in the labelled box in the school office by **Friday 2nd March 2018**. I will also be in the yard before and after school, so please do take this opportunity to come and speak to me in person.

All responses are anonymous and you do not have to give your name.

We will be working with the school to address the issues raised and we will keep you informed about the work we plan to do.

Yours sincerely

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