

‘Achieving Excellence through Leadership’

GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Magic Breakfast - Ending January 2023

You will be painfully aware of the cost of living crisis. This has extended to all sectors of society and is affecting the educational sector in a rise of costs in many areas. We have been fortunate to be part of the Magic Breakfast Programme for the past three years, which has allowed us to provide breakfast bagels for all pupils who have wanted them by contributing a small amount to the charity each year.

Their charity has had to scale back the number of schools, which can be part of the programme, and sadly, Giles Junior School is no longer going to be receiving a weekly bagel delivery after January.

We wanted to make parents aware of this as we have an increasing number of pupils who are regularly accessing bagels to help them reduce hunger and allow them to concentrate on their learning. As a school, we also buy a small allocation of fruit, which the children can have if they forget their snack. We will continue to do this.

As parents you may not be aware if your child has been accessing bagels and if they are also accessing fruit for a daily snack. We would be grateful if you could find out if your child has been accessing bagels and try to ensure they have breakfast before they come to school (if they are skipping breakfast as they have been used to having bagels at school).

We know the timing of this is not ideal as many families are already struggling financially. Our family support worker, Laura Smith, is available for any conversations about any financial difficulties you may be experiencing and can sign post or refer families to get extra support whether that be a food bank, clothes bank or heating grant. Please do communicate with us if you have concerns and as always we will do everything we can to offer support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Louise Whitby
Headteacher

