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To: All MPs

Dear Colleague,

### **Supporting Disadvantaged Families this Winter and Beyond**

Throughout this public health emergency this Government has put an unprecedented package of support in place to strengthen the safety net for individuals, families and communities who need help at this critical time.

To support families who are feeling the extra strain, we have extended that support today announcing a significant package of targeted financial support for those in need. A new £170m Covid Winter Grant Scheme for England will see new funding made available to support families with the cost of food and utilities over Christmas until Easter. Devolved Administrations have received equivalent funding through the upfront funding guarantee we have provided, which was recently increased to £16bn for the year to support their Covid-19 response.

In line with the £63m grant fund made available to local authorities earlier in the year, funding will be dispersed according to an authority's population, weighted by a function of the English Index of Multiple Deprivation. My Department will make funding available to Local Authorities in England in early December to cover the period up to the end of March. The grant (made under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003) will be made with conditions and with a focus on the scheme in England to provide support with food and essential utility costs to vulnerable families with children affected by the pandemic. A breakdown of funding by Local Authority is provided along with this letter.

Guidance will be given to Local Authorities on the best way to deliver this support, including use of the benefits data to which councils already have access. Councils already have the information from social services, health visitors and current recipients of free school meals to help in identifying how best to support children and families. We will not constrain how they deliver these services – which may include cash, vouchers, food, or funding through third party organisations.

Recognising the benefits of healthy food to education and health, particularly for very young children, I can also today announce Healthy Start scheme payments will increase from £3.10 to £4.25 from April 2021. Healthy Start supports lower-income pregnant women or families with children under the age of four to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, helping boost long-term health and education prospects.

The Government will also be significantly extending the Holiday Activities and Food programme, which has provided healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018, across England next year. This £220m investment will build on those which supported around 50,000 children across 17 local authorities this summer and will ensure provision for Easter, summer and Christmas in 2021.

In May, the Government provided £16m to charities to provide food for those struggling due to the immediate impacts of the pandemic. Acknowledging the challenges that lie ahead for many families this winter, we are today making a further £16m available to fund local charities through well-established networks and provide immediate support to front-line food aid charities.

Social justice has been at the heart of every decision this Government has taken to help the people of this country get through this pandemic. These new measures will provide food and warmth for children in need over the Christmas period and beyond. I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

<b>Annex A – Allocation by Local Authority</b>	
<b>Upper Tier LA</b>	<b>Indicative Allocation</b>
Barking and Dagenham London Borough	£870,076.68
Barnet London Borough	£986,960.35
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£946,111.32
Bath and North East Somerset Council	£386,700.64
Bedford UA	£482,305.73
Bexley London Borough	£619,722.83
Birmingham City Council	£5,188,935.15
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£645,965.10
Blackpool Borough Council	£704,710.72
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,110,882.11
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£1,068,327.58
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	£221,214.27
Brent London Borough	£1,142,416.48
Brighton and Hove Council	£865,416.71
Bristol Council	£1,640,461.40
Bromley London Borough	£753,861.37
Buckinghamshire County Council	£967,503.82
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	£619,418.58
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£734,010.82
Cambridgeshire County Council	£1,459,490.26
Camden London Borough	£783,243.59
Central Bedfordshire UA	£587,054.00
Cheshire East UA	£880,471.92
Cheshire West and Chester UA	£925,446.97
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£2,280,372.57
City of London	£20,166.03
City of York Council	£416,729.66
Cornwall County UA	£1,831,567.30
County of Herefordshire District Council	£537,980.55
Coventry City Council	£1,292,612.14
Croydon London Borough	£1,206,805.20
Cumbria County Council	£1,496,417.79
Darlington Borough Council	£364,817.20
Derby City Council	£899,489.62
Derbyshire County Council	£2,181,024.15
Devon County Council	£2,042,754.05
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,203,509.07
Dorset Council	£922,153.80
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,058,104.52
Durham County UA	£1,872,512.86
Ealing London Borough	£1,068,982.09
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£825,096.34
East Sussex County Council	£1,594,930.86
Enfield London Borough	£1,149,542.86
Essex County Council	£3,838,050.28
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£740,348.86
Gloucestershire County Council	£1,507,674.65
Greenwich London Borough	£967,678.82

Hackney London Borough	£1,152,002.41
Halton Borough Council	£519,963.33
Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough	£585,126.11
Hampshire County Council	£2,898,701.72
Haringey London Borough	£986,329.83
Harrow London Borough	£588,955.86
Hartlepool Council	£396,948.59
Havering London Borough	£664,716.69
Hertfordshire County Council	£2,493,530.80
Hillingdon London Borough	£831,315.79
Hounslow London Borough	£823,377.35
Isle of Wight Council	£456,845.34
Isles of Scilly Council	£4,147.67
Islington London Borough	£877,270.22
Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough	£471,864.58
Kent County Council	£4,504,098.51
Kingston Upon Hull City Council	£1,229,116.79
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough	£343,579.32
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,487,770.76
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£740,731.55
Lambeth London Borough	£1,118,444.74
Lancashire County Council	£3,920,808.87
Leeds City Council	£2,837,556.77
Leicester City Council	£1,401,735.27
Leicestershire County Council	£1,462,162.43
Lewisham London Borough	£1,082,507.93
Lincolnshire County Council	£2,223,450.43
Liverpool City Council	£2,438,778.60
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	£336,857.43
Luton Borough Council	£732,712.95
Manchester City Council	£2,581,417.35
Medway Borough Council	£908,596.17
Merton London Borough	£476,193.25
Middlesbrough Borough	£659,634.41
Milton Keynes Council	£722,191.40
Newcastle upon Tyne Metropolitan District Council	£1,147,567.52
Newham London Borough	£1,354,166.89
Norfolk County Council	£2,740,592.35
North East Lincolnshire Council	£628,462.94
North Lincolnshire Council	£532,566.93
North Somerset Council	£528,410.63
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	£644,988.11
North Yorkshire County Council	£1,435,400.85
Northamptonshire County Council	£2,080,715.35
Northumberland County UA	£992,515.33
Nottingham City Council	£1,414,274.85
Nottinghamshire County Council	£2,316,008.18
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£974,688.98
Oxfordshire	£1,367,906.39
Peterborough City Council	£743,661.56
Plymouth City Council	£926,040.55
Portsmouth City Council	£765,635.46
Reading Borough Council	£464,497.68

Redbridge London Borough	£788,900.75
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	£522,778.70
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£936,916.05
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,007,395.16
Rutland County Council District Council	£63,022.00
Salford Metropolitan District Council	£1,089,353.76
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,404,606.44
Sefton	£980,471.32
Sheffield City Council	£2,090,323.22
Shropshire County UA	£841,634.07
Slough Borough Council	£475,125.36
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	£565,838.18
Somerset County Council	£1,545,187.24
South Gloucestershire Council	£569,161.01
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	£596,981.79
Southampton City Council	£900,866.24
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	£573,689.90
Southwark London Borough	£1,111,657.80
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£716,322.51
Staffordshire County Council	£2,221,422.84
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	£867,758.09
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	£679,491.40
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£1,083,577.42
Suffolk County Council	£2,077,927.29
Sunderland City Council	£1,071,863.77
Surrey County Council	£2,126,391.50
Sutton London Borough	£461,996.24
Swindon Borough Council	£614,935.46
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£894,614.60
Telford and Wrekin Council	£609,359.45
Thurrock Council	£523,003.90
Torbay Borough Council	£500,463.83
Tower Hamlets London Borough	£1,203,030.43
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	£588,244.62
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£1,259,170.55
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,134,745.58
Waltham Forest London Borough	£945,547.02
Wandsworth London Borough	£836,207.30
Warrington Borough Council	£581,642.70
Warwickshire County Council	£1,404,610.50
West Berkshire District Council	£278,888.42
West Sussex County Council	£1,989,591.80
Westminster City Council	£766,382.48
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,124,537.72
Wiltshire County UA	£1,107,932.98
Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council	£236,355.75
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,224,616.93
Wokingham District Council	£208,703.00
Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,061,922.62
Worcestershire County Council	£1,607,260.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£170,000,000.00</b>