



Dear Friends,

I hope that you and your loved ones are remaining safe and well as the country continues to move slowly through the Covid 19 pandemic and the start of a new 'normal'.

Further to my previous emails, I wanted to let you know that the College will now be launching an EMERGENCY Bursary Campaign to help assist those Ellesmere families who have been affected by the economic effects of Coronavirus.

As I write, families across the Ellesmere community are experiencing profound and sudden changes to their lives. There have been far-reaching consequences for many of our parents, some of whom are now struggling to continue with their child's place at the College. Many of these pupils are at critical stages in their education and for their parents it is an agonising time.

Whilst our fee reductions have been of help to many parents, there are a number of families for whom this is not enough, and this number is likely to increase further in September. For this reason, we are taking the unprecedented step of asking our community to help and support those pupils whose families are impacted financially because of the crisis we are all experiencing.

Ellesmere College has a long history of supporting families through bursaries, but with pressures on our finances we are unable to do as much as we would like to today. This is why I am asking for your help. Our Bursary Campaign video can be watched [HERE](#).

If you would like to invest in a young person's future, a donation can be made in a number of ways. Every donation will be greatly appreciated and will go directly to assist those in our community most in need.

For further information about donating to the Bursary Fund please see our [Bursary Page](#) on the College website or contact our External Relations Officer, Olivia Beckett, via email: olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com, who will be delighted to assist you.

I am confident that with your support we can achieve our target for the benefit of our pupils and the entire Ellesmere Community. We must keep our community together and care for each other.

I hope to have the opportunity to see as many of you as possible very soon. Start of term arrangements are in place for September and I hope that part of our new 'normal' can include public events at the College during the next academic year.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Wignall.