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Dear Parent and Carer

I hope this email finds you well in these unusual times. I am writing to raise awareness of Testbourne Community School's PPE Project, running in collaboration with The Costello School in Basingstoke. It is aimed at helping ease the PPE crisis facing healthcare workers during this pandemic.

Claire Young of Costello School and I have joined forces in order to maximise our production of re-usable visors to protect healthcare workers. We are using our school's laser cutter technology to produce the visors and then distributing them to local healthcare settings where needed.

The project has been very popular on the school's social media and we would be very grateful if you could continue to share and forward these posts to anyone you may feel may be interested.

To date (28th April) the collaboration has produced just short of 2000 re-usable visors!

Recipients to date include:

NHS Basingstoke Hospital
NHS Winchester Hospital
NHS Andover Hospital
Basingstoke Ambulance station
NHS Local Surgeries (Whitchurch, Overton, Kingsclere, Oakley)
Pharmacies (Whitchurch and Overton)
Wessex Care Home & Bere Hill Care home (Whitchurch)
ACASA Care homes (Basingstoke)
Marks and Spencer, Aldi (Basingstoke) and many more local settings.

Despite willingly giving our time and use of equipment for free, we need to source materials and maintain equipment throughout this period. This is a cost that is not easy for the school to meet in these challenging times, so we would be grateful if you could donate any amount, however large or small, to our Just Giving appeal. To this end, there is a just giving page linked below to allow for contributions to keep our efforts going. Thank you to those of you who have already donated.

We completely understand that some of you are facing genuine financial hardship and uncertainty at this time, so please only donate if you feel you can spare the money.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/costello-711>

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I wish you all the best in these difficult times. I would like to finish with a big thankyou to Claire Young at Costello who has been instrumental in initiating and driving this project forward!

Kind regards and stay safe!

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