



3rd December 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Re: Christmas Food Bank Collection

Christmas is always a busy time, but our school community would like to make Christmas a little bit easier for people who are really struggling this year. As Christmas approaches, we have decided to collect items for the local Kingfisher Food Bank.

The Trussell Trust, the UK's largest food bank charity, has seen food bank usage increase by 73% in the past five years. A particularly sharp rise this year has meant that 108,395 food parcels were given out in the West Midlands between April-September 2020.

We've contacted the volunteers who run the local Kingfisher Food Bank and they've given us a list of the Top 10 items that they need, though they are happy to accept donations of any in-date tinned foods, dry foods and unused toiletries or hygiene products. The Top 10 items the Kingfisher Food Bank needs are:

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| 1. Tinned fruit | 6. Tinned meat |
| 2. Rice pudding | 7. Tinned fish |
| 3. Custard | 8. Tinned tomatoes |
| 4. Hot chocolate | 9. Deodorant |
| 5. Jam | 10. Shower gel |

Tutors have gone through a presentation with students which explains what foodbanks are, who uses them and why our school community would like to support the local Kingfisher Food Bank.

If you're able to, please consider supporting our efforts by sending your child to school with items on any day until the 11th December. There will be prizes for the tutor group and individuals in each year who donate the most items.

Kind regards,

Laura Ridley

College Leader - Safeguarding

