

14 October 2022

Dear parents/carers,

This harvest season we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting canned and dried food for Chesterfield Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as fruit juice (long life), tinned meat, tinned fish, UHT milk, rice pudding, small packets of tea and coffee.

1 in 5 people in the UK live in poverty; many families are in crisis and cannot afford food. More people are being referred to the food bank because they don't have enough money coming in to cover essential living costs. Rising food and fuel prices, static income and changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food on the table but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Chesterfield Foodbank.

The food bank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses, and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with front line care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers and other community based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally balanced 3-day food parcels, people are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and signposted to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of their crisis. Since the start of this year Chesterfield Foodbank has issued food to over 5518 people, with 26% of those sadly being children. This is a 33% increase on the amount of people who were supported in the same period last year.

The demands on the food bank are as strong as ever and this is where we can help. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't go hungry.

Key items that we have been asked to collect:


- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Instant noodles
- Rice pudding
- Juice (long life)

- Tinned vegetables
- Milk (long life)
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- Tinned tomatoes
- Pasta sauces
- Cereal
- Soup
- Toiletries and other essentials such as: soap, shower gel, toothpaste, toilet paper, washing powder, and washing up liquid.

We will be collecting items from Monday 17th-20th October. Students will be able to drop off any donations in student entrance.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Edwards-Booth
Vice Principal