



Our Ref: DCA/SWD

21 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Community Christmas Project

Many families and individuals are struggling financially currently, and the pressure of the Christmas season can make things more difficult. Our student council would like to support our local community and have suggested a community project for Lord Lawson students, to help and support those in need in some small way.

For this project we will be working closely with The Birtley Hub (linked to the Birtley Foodbank), who are currently making Christmas hampers and distributing them in the local community. From Monday 27 November, we will accept food donations on their behalf, and will continue to do so for the four weeks leading up to Christmas.

Any donations from students will be collected in tutor time or can be dropped at main reception in school. Donations will be taken to The Birtley Hub at the end of each week, so they can go into the hampers to be distributed to people in the local area.

A list of items the foodbank has requested can be found overleaf. If you would like to find out more information about foodbanks and the work they do, please use the following link: [Trussell Trust Foodbanks](#)

We would like to thank you in advance for your support for this community project, but stress that it is not compulsory for students, or their families, to donate items. Please donate only what you can afford.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this project, please contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

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Suggested Items for Donation

Any tinned/jarred/packet or dried food such as:

- Custard/rice pudding
- Soup
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat or fish such as corned beef, tuna, ham, hotdogs, meatballs etc.
- Pickled onions
- Sauces such as tomato ketchup, brown sauce, mint, or cranberry sauce etc.
- Rice
- Pasta
- Jars of pasta or curry sauce
- Jam, marmalade, golden syrup or other preserves and spreads

Other items:

- Tea/Coffee/Sugar
- UHT milk
- Long-life orange/apple juice
- Hot chocolate
- Gravy granules
- Instant mash
- Stuffing or dumpling mix
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Crackers and crisps
- Mince pies
- Christmas pudding
- Treats (such as sweets/chocolate/selection box)

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