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## **FOODBANK CHRISTMAS DONATION 2020**

As a local school, DSTC prides itself on being at the heart of the community and where possible, we aim to support local initiatives.

This term we have pledged to support our local foodbank. Sadly over 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK and the need for foodbanks is increasing and never more so than now with the impact of COVID-19. From April 2019 to March 2020 there were 1.9 million food supplies given to families nationally through this initiative.

The Dartford foodbank sees over 70 families per week and aims to provide packages containing a minimum of three days of nutritionally balanced and non-perishable food. The foodbank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies such as social services, GP surgeries, schools, care centres and probation teams.

We would be grateful if your child could bring in any of the items named, to help with the collection for this worthwhile cause. This is purely voluntary and any of the items, no matter how small, will help. We will start collecting from Monday 9th November 2020. Please note any items must be non perishable.

Each form group will be given a collection box, these will then be dropped off to the foodbank in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that this year we will not be able to take student representatives.

If you would like to know more about the Dartford foodbank then you can search on Facebook using: 'Dartford foodbank' or alternatively search for 'The Trussell Trust' at <a href="http://www.trusselltrust.org/foodbank-projects">http://www.trusselltrust.org/foodbank-projects</a>

On the next page of this letter is the list of goods that the foodbanks have requested.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dix



- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Toiletries deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- Household items laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- Feminine products sanitary towels and tampons
- Baby supplies nappies, baby wipes and baby food
- Face masks and hand sanitiser
- Christmas Items such as mince pies, fruit cake, chocolates, biscuits, sweets, savoury biscuits or snacks, gravy granules, stuffing etc