



GARTON ON THE WOLDS C.E. (V.C.) SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

DRIFFIELD FOOD BANK

This week, Mrs Clough and myself felt very proud and privileged to take the school's Harvest produce to the Driffield Food Bank; which was weighed in at 109.7kg and most definitely very much appreciated.

Angela, the Driffield Food Bank manager, along with a couple of volunteers took the time to show myself and Mrs Clough around the unit and enlightened us to their current situation. At present they are supporting approximately 90 local families with food hampers, along with essential items each week; we were informed that this was an increase of 50% from this time last year.

It was explained that it currently costs approximately £8,000 per month to run the project. This year the Food Bank had successfully secured two external grants but unfortunately this did not cover anywhere near the amount of funds required to support the needs of our local community.

The Driffield Food Bank offered our school much needed support during COVID-19; providing several food hampers to many of our families. In addition to this, over recent years the Driffield Food Bank has provided Christmas toys for identified families to ensure no child ever wakes up on Christmas morning without a toy. The toys distributed to our families have always been of a high quality and sought after. Angela explained how this was possible; the Driffield Food Bank currently purchases toys from the company Mattel at a cost of £500 per pallet, but the actual cost to purchase these toys in a shop would be in excess of £2,000. To date, the Food Bank has not been able to recoup all of the costs of the pallets purchased; which has unfortunately impacted on the food reserves.

The experience of seeing how much support our local community requires at this time was overwhelming and emotional and as a school community we would love to be able to support the Food Bank further in the fantastic work they do, ensuring no family has to go without.

During the visit we asked if there were any items that they desperately required and we were informed; tinned fruit, washing up liquid, nappies size 5 & 6, toys and of course financial donations.

This time of year always puts additional financial strains on families and with the cost of living crisis thrown into the mix the next few months has the potential to be very difficult for many families.

We do not want to put any added pressure on anyone, but if you are able to offer any support with the above items, I know they will be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Curtis
School Business Manager

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