



9 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas Jumper Day Appeal

As we all know, 2020 has been an incredibly tough year for everyone and as many of you will be aware from our fortnightly communication, we have been running a food bank here at Vale of York Academy exclusively for the families of the children who attend.

I have been so appreciative of the support shown by staff, parents, local businesses and organisations to keep the food bank running, particularly in light of the increasing demand due to people's changing circumstances through no fault of their own.

As is the nature of a food bank however, supplies are not endless and the Student Council here at Vale of York are organising an appeal on Friday 18 December to try and ensure that we are able to continue running the project into 2021. The Student Council are encouraging everyone to wear a Christmas jumper to school on the last day of term. Normally, we ask for £1 for non-uniform, however the Student Council have asked that this year students wearing a Christmas jumper instead bring a food item that can go in the bank. This is completely voluntary and children who don't bring anything in are still very much encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers!

I am sure you will appreciate, there are only a certain variety of foods we can take into the food bank due to health and safety and usability. So please could I ask that the item/s brought in are from the list below and are unopened/unused –

- Tins of soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, tuna
- Boxes of cereal
- Packs of biscuits
- Bags of rice
- Pasta sauce (not pasta though...we have plenty!)
- Tins of fish
- Long life milk
- Tea bags
- Coffee

I cannot store anything fresh, frozen or that requires refrigeration so please avoid this as it may become waste.

May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you in advance for your donations to the food bank and also for your continued support during this most testing of years.

Yours Sincerely

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