



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of our Harvest celebrations this year we have decided to support Catshill Baptist Foodbank, alongside our own in-house efforts to provide emergency food and household item support to our families. The Foodbank works tirelessly with our local communities, and we feel they are very worthwhile causes to support this Harvest Season. This will help us to show our gratitude as they have also supported many families from within school in the past.

In a recent survey by The Food Foundation, it was reported that about 6.5 million adults and 2.2 million children are living in a household that is experiencing food insecurity. This equates to 12% of the population overall, 17% of children, living in households where 3 meals a day are not a guarantee and where the threat of hunger is a daily reality. Nearly 10% of households have needed access to food support such as a foodbank in the last 6 months.

Whilst we appreciate that times are challenging for many at the moment, we would be hugely grateful if you could support us in helping these two charities who do such vital work locally.

Any donation would be gratefully received and an example of things which are always in demand is below.

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| • baby food | • pasta sauces | • tinned soup |
| • biscuits | • rice | • tinned vegetables |
| • cereals | • shower gel | • toiletries |
| • dried pasta | • snack bars | • toilet rolls |
| • instant coffee | • tea bags | • cleaning products |
| • long-life fruit juice | • tinned fruit | |
| • long-life milk | • tinned meat and fish | |
| • microwaveable puddings | • tinned puddings | |

Additionally, both charities make huge efforts to spread a little Christmas joy over the holiday period, so more festive items, with long use by dates, are hugely appreciated. Pupils can bring donations to the reception area, and the last day to bring donations in will be **Friday 23rd October**. We will arrange for the donations to be distributed between the two charities during the half term holiday.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Wildsmith and Mrs Mynott



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