Our Mission: To reduce the impact of food poverty on people in crisis in the Swindon and district area.



Dear Parent or Guardian

12th October 2020

## HARVEST DONATIONS

Each year your school collects non-perishable, tinned and packet food which is then donated to the Swindon Food Collective (Swindon's food bank). This year, more than ever, Abbey Park School would like to help its community and therefore will be collecting items in your child's Year group area upon arrival at school between Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Items will be quarantined according to COVID guidance and will be collected in bubble areas.

The Swindon Food Collective then distributes your donated non-perishable food to those in need; helping individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves because of low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement and/or sickness.

We exist because of the current levels of poverty and deprivation in our local area. People are going hungry, and with each passing day, more and more are falling into poverty with little chance of escape. There will be schoolchildren struggling to focus on their studies and classes because their stomachs are rumbling, parents who have skipped breakfast to ensure that their children did not have to, families searching their cupboards for what is left and elderly people who are unable to access food or unable to afford it.

If you are able, please donate something from the list below and send into school for Harvest. If you can afford to "POP ON A POUND" to your tin or packet with sellotape or attach it in a sealed envelope, this will help raise funds to help cover the cost of running the distribution centres, warehouse and vans which collect and distribute the food.

• Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Fruit - pears, peaches, plums, mandarin oranges, pineapple etc.	Tinned Puddings - tapioca, sago, semolina, macaroni, rice, custard etc.
<ul> <li>Tinned Meat - corned beef, meatballs, spam, hot dogs, ham, curries etc.</li> </ul>	Shower Gel – male/female	Wash & Go 2in1     shampoo/conditioner
Deodorant (male & female)	■ Toilet Rolls	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
<ul> <li>Cleaning sprays/liquids/wet wipes / cloths</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bleach/Disinfectant / hand sanitizer/ antibacterial toiletries</li> </ul>	• Soap

You can follow us on Facebook: Swindon Food Collective and you can also donate via our Facebook or web page <a href="https://www.swindonfoodcollective.org">www.swindonfoodcollective.org</a>

Thank you.