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Dear OPAPH Families,

As an academy, we place great importance on ensuring our children are positive role models in our local community. Our School Parliament – children who were voted in to position by their class as leaders – will be starting a community project that will support the local Food Bank at St Catherine's Church Centre.

We will be creating a food donation point in the academy where staff and families can donate food for those in the community who need it the most. The Food Bank operates 5 days per week and in 2018 distributed 5887 food parcels to 12,000 of the most vulnerable local people (compared to 2012 where the number of parcels was 109). The amazing volunteers provide a free daily hot meal service, a weekly free evening meal service, mental health/financial information as well as access to professional workers for advice.

This service relies heavily on donations and the support of the wider community to keep up with the growing demand. For this reason, OPAPH will be conducting 3 food donation windows at the end of each term (autumn, spring and summer terms). As the autumn term has passed, **the first window will open immediately and will run until the end of the spring term (April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019). The second window will open April 23<sup>rd</sup> until July 12<sup>th</sup>.**

So what do they need? The list below can be immediately donated by calling into the main entrance and placing the items in the signposted container.

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar
- Soup (tins or packets)
- Pasta sauces
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereals
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tea bags/instant coffee
- Instant mashed potato
- Rice
- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned fruit/vegetables/potatoes
- Tinned meals (meatballs, spaghetti etc.)
- Carrier bags (bags for life are ideal)

Our children from the OPAPH School Parliament will be visiting the Food Bank to help create food parcels, with the items donated from the wider OPAPH community, before St Catherine's open their doors to support the local people of the Wakefield district.

Please help and support in any way that you can and many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely



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