



Monday 9 December 2024

Dear Parent(s)/ Adult(s) with Parental Responsibility,

**RE: Winter charity fundraising and foodbank appeal**

At Sarah Bonnell we encourage students to be kind, act with consideration of others and be influential 21st century citizens committed to social justice. As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the importance of coming together as a school community to support those in need. This year, our school will be collecting for two important charities, as well as for a local food bank, in an effort to make a positive impact on the lives of children and families who are facing difficult circumstances.

As always we will be supporting **United World Schools**, an organisation dedicated to providing quality education to children in remote and underserved communities around the world.

We will also be raising funds for the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, focusing particularly on their vital work in Palestine, where the ongoing crisis has left many children in urgent need of healthcare, education, and protection. The DEC's efforts are crucial in providing these children with a better future.

Finally, we will be collecting food donations for a local food bank – **The Renewal Programme**, which works to support families in our community who are struggling to meet their basic needs. Your generosity will help local families access essential food and resources during this festive season.

We recognise that this time of year can be challenging for many families, and we fully understand that resources may be stretched. Therefore, we want to make it clear that students will only be expected to donate what they can. There is absolutely no pressure to give beyond what feels manageable, and every contribution—whether small or large—will make a meaningful difference.

Items for The Renewal Programme food bank will be collected in form time from 9 - 16 December and students should only bring in non-perishable items from the following list:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Noodles
- Tin Tomatoes
- Tinned Chickpeas
- Baked beans
- Tuna/other tinned fish
- Cereals
- Dry lentils
- Baby formula milk 0-12 months
- Nappies from sizes 1-7
- Soaps/shampoos/ toiletries

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As part of our winter fundraising your daughter is also invited to take part in **Winter Jumper Day on Friday 20 December**. This fund-raising event will involve a **suggested £1 donation** for the privilege of replacing normal school uniform with clothes of her own choice including a festive winter jumper, your daughter's donation will be collected on the morning of Friday 20 December at the school gate. As always in order to maintain our school values and high expectations around learning we ask that you ensure your daughter leaves home in appropriate attire that allows them to take pride in their appearance and participate in their learning as usual. Students will be required to bring all of their normal equipment, books, PE kit and, for our year 11 students, participate in their practice exams as normal.

We encourage our students to get involved in whatever way they can, whether through fundraising, raising awareness, or contributing to the collections. Together, we can make a real difference this holiday season, demonstrating the true spirit of kindness and social justice.

**Friday 20 December will also be the final day of this term.** Your daughter should arrive at the usual time of 8.25am. She will follow her normal timetable until she is dismissed from school at 12:20pm. The Spring Term begins on **Monday 6 January at the usual time for all students.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of the school and wish all those celebrating this Christian festival a very happy Christmas and everyone a peaceful and successful new year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rae Potter', is positioned below the text 'Yours faithfully,'.

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