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Dear Parents

### **Harvest 2018 – Trussell Trust, Billingham Foodbank**

The Senior School Harvest Festival will take place in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 2 October at 8:45am.

Last year, with the aid of your generosity, Red House School was able to donate a significant amount of food to those in need in our local community. We have chosen to continue to support Billingham Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

The Trussell Trust is a Christian charity, which operates food banks all over the country. They provide assistance to people of all backgrounds, and all faiths or none, who are found to be in genuine need.

*'Thirteen million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.'*

*The Trussell Trust's network of over 420 foodbanks operate out of more than 1,200 centres across the UK and provide a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis. In 2017/18, we gave 1,332,952 three day emergency food supplies to people in crisis.*

*We recognise that stopping hunger is about More Than Food, which is why we're working with foodbanks to provide a range of new services like money advice and Fuel Banks, helping people to break the cycle of poverty.'*

In addition to non-perishable food items, household, toiletry and sanitary products the foodbank is also collecting winter coats. If you have any winter coats that your children have grown out of please send them in to school so that they can be given to those in need within our local community.

Below is a list of the Trusts most needed items:

Coffee	Pasta sauces
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Tinned meat/fish
Sugar (500g)	Washing powder
Fruit juice (carton)	Washing up liquid
Fruit Cordial/Squash	Shampoo
Tomatoes (tinned)	Conditioner
Custard	Shower Gel
Rice pudding	Toothpaste
Tinned fruit	Toilet Rolls
Tinned vegetables	Sanitary products
Curry sauces	

The donations will be collected on Thursday 4 October. Pupils should take their donations to the hall before the start of school and hand them to a member of the Year 11 Charity Committee. Cash donations can also be given. Cash donations can be handed in to the Office in a sealed envelope marked 'Foodbank'.

Registered No. 312473 England  
Charity Registration No. 527377

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LM Roberts', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs LM Roberts**  
**Head of Teaching & Learning**