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Dear Parents

### **Senior School Harvest 2019: Collection in aid of Stockton & Billingham Foodbank**

The Senior School Harvest Festival will take place in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 1st 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 Stockton & Billingham Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

The Trussel 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.

Nationally foodbank use last year increased by 19%, half a million of the emergency food supplies handed out by the Trussell Trust were used to support families with children. The picture locally is far worse. Stockton & Billingham Foodbank have seen an increase of 50% in the last year. They are currently in the process of restocking their shelves following the summer holidays. School holidays can often prove to be very difficult for families who receive free school meals.

In addition to non-perishable items listed above 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  
Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Sugar (500g)  
Fruit juice (carton)  
Fruit Cordial/Squash  
Tomatoes (tinned)  
Custard  
Rice pudding

Tinned fruit  
Tinned vegetables  
Curry sauces  
Pasta sauces  
Tinned meat/fish  
Washing powder  
Washing up liquid  
Shampoo

Conditioner  
Shower Gel  
Toothpaste  
Toilet Rolls  
Sanitary products  
Pet food

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The donations will be collected on Thursday 3 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'.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Yours sincerely

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

**Lara Roberts**  
**Head of Teaching & Learning**