

7 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Food Bank**

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” - Aesop.

In the UK, over 2.6 million children experience food insecurity, which is defined as those who have limited or unreliable access to food due to a lack of financial resources.

Unfortunately, this may understate the problem: the squeeze on people’s incomes may be so tight that many low-income families may not be able to afford either paying their bills or buying sufficient food. This will have major consequences for large numbers of children and families.

As a result, we are proud to start up and offer our own small-scale food bank to support families in need. Donations are welcome via a drop off point in the main reception area. We are always grateful for any donations of provisions for children and families in need within our school community.

Please note, we cannot provide perishable items due to storage. If you are able to support, the items we most currently need are:

· Cereal / cereal bars	· Tinned fruit / desserts / jam
· Tinned soup	· Crackers, biscuits and treats
· Dried pasta / noodles	· Long life milk
· Rice	· Long life Fruit juice / cordial
· Tinned tomatoes / pasta sauce	· Crisps
· Tinned beans / spaghetti	· Dried fruit and nuts
· Tinned meat	· Condiments and Spices
· Tinned vegetables	· Broth and Stock
· Tea/coffee/sugar	· Lentils, beans and pulses

If you would like to donate please do contact us at school at [safeguarding@acklam.outwood.com](mailto:safeguarding@acklam.outwood.com) or drop off at our reception area where there will be a drop off point. This is a new project for our academy and how we can support our community relies on donations from staff and community

members. Please pass on this information to anyone who wishes to donate and their donations will go to a good cause.

#### How to make a Food bank request

Any family in need are invited to request a hamper please email [safeguarding@acklam.outwood.com](mailto:safeguarding@acklam.outwood.com) all requests will be treated sensitively and confidentially and a member of our team will contact these families to arrange help, where possible.

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting this project,

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Rachael Fairclough

(Pastoral Lead) and the Pastoral team