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Dear Parent / Carer

### **A Harvest appeal to support local people in crisis**

As we approach the Harvest Festival, we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting non-perishable food for **Norwich Foodbank**.

In the 12 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018, Norwich foodbank gave out over 9,200 food parcels to local people in crisis. It is expected that the coming 12 months will bring even more demand as benefit changes come into full effect in Norwich and people struggle to afford basic foods for themselves and their families.

When families have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness can throw people living on the edge of poverty into crisis. Every day local people are forced to send their children to bed hungry but the good news is that you can be part of the solution.

Local care professionals such as Age UK, Children's Services and Citizens Advice refer clients to the Foodbank who provide short term emergency food to these local people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows the care agencies time to put longer term measures in place.

All food given out by the Foodbank is donated by generous members of the public and Norwich Foodbank continues to see people turn to it for help.

Below is a list of items most needed by Norwich foodbank: (in no particular order):

**Long-life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes and cereal bars.**

Please note that they are currently very well stocked with baked beans, soup, cereal and pasta; they most need the items listed above.

**We are holding our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October so please send food in for this date if you are able.**

We want to help Norwich Foodbank feed local people in need. Please join with us by giving food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry. Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kirton & Mrs Palmer

