

ROCHDALE BOROUGH FOODBANKS HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN OUR BOROUGH

Heywood Foodbank

Middleton Foodbank

Rochdale

Dear Headteacher

The start of another school year, and one which will present many challenges for you and your staff. However, as we approach the Harvest Festival Season, and whilst not wishing to add to your problems, could we please ask whether you would consider collecting non-perishable items and donate them to local foodbanks in Rochdale, Middleton and Heywood.

Of particular concern at the moment is the imminent end of furlough and the removal of the £20 uplift to Universal Credit which we feel will result in a surge in demand.

Whilst all donations are welcome, Rochdale Foodbank is in urgent need of

Tinned meat Coffee Long life milk Fruit juice tinned vegetables custard pasta sauce toilet rolls tinned potatoes jam soup

Middleton Central Foodbank, the Lighthouse Project would appreciate:

| UHT Milk | Tinned meat |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Tinned Vegetables (carrots and peas) | Tinned fruit |
| Rice pudding | |

2022 has seen a sustained demand for our services and food poverty remains a big problem in the Borough. Regular donations are vital to meet this demand and the Foodbanks rely on the generosity of the people of the Borough. We are able to arrange collection of any food donated but would ask that you give at least 48 hours' notice as our foodbanks are staffed by volunteers and it is not always possible to find drivers at short notice.

If you feel able to help, please contact us by telephone or email. The names, addresses and contact details of the foodbanks are given below. Each of our foodbanks is grateful for the support given to us by yourselves, your staff and pupils as well as local people, community groups and Rochdale Borough Council who see and understand the needs of families in the area and are willing to stand with them.

Rochdale Foodbank 8 South Parade. Rochdale Open Monday to Friday11.00 am to 12 noon Tel: 01706 713701 Email: <u>wendy.fell@yahoo.co.uk</u> (Schools' Co-ordinator) Warehouse Manager Email: ma@rochdale.foodbank.org mb: 0784746348

Heywood Foodbank: 94 Adelaide Street, Heywood. Open Monday and Friday 10.00h to 12 noon Tel: 07396071193 - Email: info@heywoodfoodbank.co.uk

Middleton Central Foodbank, the Lighthouse Project: S6 b/c, Second Floor, Middleton Shopping Centre, Limetrees Road, Middleton Open Monday and Thursday 11.00h to 12 noon. Tel: 0161 643 1163 - Email: info@middletoncentral.foodbank.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Wendy Fell – signed on behalf of the Foodbanks in the Borough.