



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

26th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

St James' Food Bank

At St James', we are committed to supporting not only our children's learning and wellbeing, but also the wider needs of our school community. We understand that, for many families, the rising cost of living can bring added pressure, and we want to ensure that no child or family goes without essential support.

I am pleased to share that we hope to open a school food bank, available to any family who may find it helpful. This service will run discreetly and with sensitivity. There is no need to provide proof of need, and all enquiries will be handled confidentially.

We hope our food bank will offer a selection of non-perishable food items and basic household essentials.

Families can access this support by contacting the school office directly or by speaking privately with me. We are also happy to arrange a convenient collection time to ensure privacy.

If you would like to contribute donations, we will gratefully accept any items below:

(Please note that we cannot accept any perishable or fresh goods due to storage)

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| • Cereal/cereal bars | • Toilet paper |
| • Tinned soup | • Shower gel |
| • Dried pasta/noodles | • Shaving gel/Sealed razors |
| • Rice | • Shampoo |
| • Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce | • Soap |
| • Tinned beans/spaghetti | • Toothbrushes |
| • Tinned meat | • Toothpaste |
| • Tinned vegetables | • Washing up liquid |
| • Tea/coffee/sugar | • Washing Powder |
| • Tinned fruit/desserts/jam | • Baby Food |
| • Crackers, biscuits and treats | • Baby Wipes |
| • Crisps | • UHT milk |
| • UHT Fruit juice/cordial | • Sanitary products |

Our school community is strong because we look after one another, and we hope this initiative will make a positive difference to anyone who may need a little extra support.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and kindness.

Warm regards,

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