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The Pantry @ St Wilfrid's Family Support

Dear Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well. I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to share a new support facility that we have available to families.

As you know, at St Wilfrid's RC College, part of our mission as a Catholic school is to offer support wherever we can to help our community. We are very aware, particularly in the current economic climate, that times can be hard for families and resources are often stretched. With this in mind, we have created 'The Pantry @ St Wilfrid's'. The Pantry offers foodbank style support in a discreet and welcoming way.

What is The Pantry & Who is it for?

- The Pantry is a confidential, school-run food and essentials service. It provides families with access to a range of store cupboard items, toiletries, and other household essentials.
- It is designed to be calm, friendly, and supportive - never intrusive.
- The Pantry is for everyone: there are no eligibility checks, no referrals, and no questions asked.
- Any family who feels this support would be helpful, whether regularly or just occasionally, is warmly invited to use it: our priority is dignity for all.

How to access support:

The Pantry will be available for bookings after half term from Monday 2nd March. To protect privacy and ensure a personalised experience, it operates by appointment only. If you'd like to use The Pantry, please get in touch using the details below and we will arrange a time that suits you.

Appointments can take place discreetly during the school day or at another convenient time, and all visits are confidential. Using The Pantry does not affect Free School Meals, Pupil Premium, or any other school processes. It will also be open during most school holiday periods.

Get in touch: If you would like to book an appointment, ask a question, or simply learn more, please get in touch:

Email: familysupport@st-wilfrids.org

Phone: 0191 4569121

How can you help?

If you are able to support The Pantry, we warmly welcome donations. Items can be dropped off at main reception or sent in with your child for their form tutor. Non-perishable food, toiletries and household essentials are especially appreciated and make a real difference. We hope The Pantry helps every family feel valued, respected, and supported. Please reach out if you need us: this service is here for you.

With warm regards,

Mrs C Lennox, Headteacher

