

Twynham Learning's Christmas Charity 2020



Dear Parents & Carers

Christmas can be a very difficult time for some people and this year, more than other years, many in our community will be wondering how they will be able to afford their normal grocery bills, let alone to feel the joy of Christmas.

In conversations with various organisations over the past few weeks, the needs of the local Food Banks have emerged as a real priority for support. The team at Twynham Learning will therefore do whatever we can to support our local Food Banks in Christchurch and Southbourne who do such a great job in our communities.

As requested by the Food Bank, Twynham Learning staff will continue to signpost the Food Banks' services to families who need them – including those who don't qualify for Free School Meals but who nonetheless find themselves struggling. We will also help with the distribution of the Christmas Hampers from our sites where that suits families.

However, in these times of increased demand on their services, we wanted to take the opportunity to ask our staff and families to do what they can to support the Food Banks. Some of you may already have been making up parcels for their Reverse Advent Calendar initiative (details follow) or putting items into one of the various local collection points. However, if you have not yet been able to get involved, it's not too late!

We recognise that everyone's situation is different but, if you are able to make a one-off donation to support the work of the Food Banks over Christmas or commit to a regular donation, please do use one of the methods outlined on their website:

<https://faithworkswessex.org.uk/give/donate/>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gareth Morris'.

Gareth Morris
Chief Executive Officer

The Reverse Advent Calendar:

Start collecting the following items, pop in a decorated box or bring just as they are (all items must have two months left on their best before dates) and then drop off at Christchurch foodbank around the 1st December:

1st Nov	Fruit juice/squash
2nd Nov	Packet of Christmas biscuits
3rd Nov	Custard
4th Nov	Christmas pudding
5th Nov	Cheese biscuits
6th Nov	Tin of fruit
7th Nov	Jelly
8th Nov	Tin of carrots
9th Nov	Chocolate coins
10th Nov	Maltesers
11th Nov	Box of stuffing
12th Nov	Chocolate
13th Nov	Crisps
14th Nov	Tin of potatoes
15th Nov	Haribo
16th Nov	Tin of macaroni cheese
17th Nov	Rice pudding
18th Nov	Shower Gel
19th Nov	UHT milk carton
20th Nov	Coffee
21st Nov	Cranberry sauce
22nd Nov	Packet of bread sauce
23rd Nov	Chocolates to hang on the Christmas tree
24th Nov	Tinned hot dog sausages
25th Nov	Hot chocolate