



21st April 2020

Dear all,

I hope you are all well and that the return to home learning, after the Easter break, is going well.

As time goes on, we are having to cope with new challenges including that of juggling finances and the greater demands for food as we stay at home.

We have been looking at ways we can support and help each other and help alleviate these worries. We have therefore collaborated with Lord's Larder in Chard who are working with us to create a community food bank. I know many of you are willing to offer help and provisions, so from Thursday, 23rd April we will be collecting food donations: general basics and mainly non-perishable goods. We ask that all donations are sealed and left inside the yellow main door to the school. There will a box designated to receive the donations although you may not actually see a member of staff as you drop the goods off. Any money donations can be made via the Lord's Larder website: <http://lordslarder.chardct.org.uk>

To help us co-ordinate the response, it would be great if you could also email the school using the homelearning email address (homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk) adding: **Food Donations** as your subject title to let us know what you can offer to donate either in the way of food or money so that we have a clearer idea for Lord's Larder of provisions in and out.

We will then deliver the donations, on your behalf to Lord's Larder but at the same time bag up, collect and deliver parcels of food to those that need it within our school community. Please also email, using the homelearning address if you are needing to access the service to receive donations. Again, put **Food Donations** in the subject bar but please let us know how many people are in your household too, as well as the address so that we can deliver the necessary produce to your door. This information is completely confidential and only one member of staff is accessing and co-ordinating the emails with the subject: Food Donations.

We have also been in contact with Tesco's in Chard and they have agreed to support where they can. Therefore, in addition, knowing who may need to access this support in the near future would also be useful so that we can gauge how much food is needed going forward.

We really hope this supports our community more and please get in touch if you would like to discuss this specifically.

Kind regards

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