

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Voluntary Academy



4 November 2022

Dear Family,

It is hard to ignore the cost of living crisis that is affecting so many and as a family of schools we are acutely aware that some of our own school families are struggling too. Christmas can be a difficult time, telling children there isn't much money for presents or the latest toy, can be emotionally difficult. We would like to ease some of this for those families in greatest need.

We plan to put Christmas Food Hampers together and offer them alongside some small toys/gifts to our families who need them most. We are therefore requesting donations of the following that we can put in to the hampers:

- Tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- Dried goods
- Tinned food
- Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel etc.)
- Mince pies/Christmas pudding
- Small Christmas gifts suitable for 4-18 year old boy/girl
- Non perishable items

Please also see the attached poster.

We are grateful for some local companies for their donations of hamper boxes, but if anyone could donate any further boxes, cellophane, ribbons or Christmas gift wrap we would be grateful for these too.

If your child attends one of our feeder primary schools or attends St Paul's, all schools will act as a donation point for these hamper items. We will accept donation up until Friday 2nd December.

St Paul's staff will put the hampers together and will liaise with Mrs Crosse, Mr Gallagher, Mrs Hayles and Mrs Dedman over the gifting of these hampers.

We appreciate your continued support and generosity and hope that we can collectively make a large number of family's Christmas special this year rather than stressful.

With best wishes,

Mrs S Conaghan
Principal

Mrs C Crosse
Headteacher
St Thomas More

Mr A Gallagher
Headteacher
St John Fisher

Mrs K Hayles
Headteacher
Sacred Heart

Mrs C Dedman
Headteacher
St Joseph's