

Dear Community,

As Christmas is just around the corner, I was wondering, how will you be celebrating the festive season this year? Perhaps you will be at home, surrounded by your family, listening to festive music around a warm fire and eating delicious foods. Or maybe you are meeting with some friends for exchanging gifts. You have to cherish the moments you have and be grateful for everything you receive. But have you ever stopped to think about all the people who don't have what you have? People who don't have food or gifts to give or receive, people who don't even have a roof over their heads. Have you ever stopped to think about the people who don't even have a reason to be merry at all?

I am writing to inform you about how you can help stop the devastating reality of poverty. The cost of living crisis is a terrifying reality for many. As you may already know, the interest rate of mortgages have doubled and a full fuel tank costs a life savings. Thousands of people have been affected, leaving those who were struggling before now possibly homeless, with a lack of food and nothing to keep them warm. Children still expect the same heap of presents that they receive every year, the same banquet-like Christmas dinner and the same joyous parents they always have.

But what they don't understand is that this is no longer feasible. This Christmas many will rely on the kindness of the community to fund their warm Christmas. Poverty is plaguing the UK by infecting the lives of the most vulnerable and hopeless people. Unlike most diseases such as Coronavirus and the flu we don't need to invent a cure, the cure is you.

This Christmas many are struggling, living in a prison of poverty, and these people need your help. Throughout the world many roam the streets looking for food and a warm place to stay for the night. What makes this even worse is the dropping temperatures we receive at this time of year. While you're at home, opening presents with your family, others are struggling to find food let alone have gifts to open. Every basic necessity costs double its original price now and although some can afford it, not everyone can. Some are struggling to decide if they should eat for the week or be warm for the month. But what can you do? How can you help stop this crisis? Well, this holiday if you could donate anything, if the donation is big or small, you can help make this Christmas better for everyone. There are many things you can donate this Christmas such as, dried and tinned food, UHT milk, biscuits, packets, tea, coffee and sugar. As well as toiletries like Shampoo, shower gel and toothpaste.

All donations will go to Westfield Lane food bank, South Emsall, or you can bring your donations to the student reception on a morning to our school by December 14th. We understand that not everyone can donate but those who can should. Together we can help cure poverty and make the lives of the struggling better. I hope you can find it in your heart to donate and help feed the ones that need it most.

Yours Sincerely,

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