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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

## Re: We Scare Hunger Appeal

Food helps us thrive and lead healthy lives. Hunger is a super villain who makes life harder for millions of families across the UK every day. At Coopers Lane School, we want to make sure that no child or adult in our community is forced to go hungry, and that is why we have chosen to support our local food banks once again this year with our **WE Scare Hunger** campaign.

Food poverty affects an estimated 8.4 million people in the UK and 2020 has shown us that it could be anyone of us. By taking part in WE Scare Hunger, your actions will have a direct impact on individuals and families in our community.

Food banks provide emergency food to help families experiencing short term crisis across the borough. Last year they collected food from the public and provided emergency food to 2975 people of which 1875 were children. That works out to a staggering 26,775 meals!

The food boxes typically contain items such as tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned meat and fish, pasta, sauces, long-life juice, UHT milk, cereal, tea, rice pudding, biscuits and soup. Over 90% of the food given out by the food bank is donated and the recipients are referred by frontline care professionals such as schools, doctors, social workers and also the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The single biggest reason that people were referred last year was unemployment, followed by low income. Other reasons included delayed wages, domestic violence, illness, refused crisis loans, homelessness and absence of free school meals during school holidays. 1 in 5 people live below the poverty line in the UK and many of the people accessing the food bank are working families struggling to make ends meet.

Please join us in supporting the work of the food banks and ensure that no-one goes hungry in our community by donating food during our week of WE Scare Hunger. If every child brought in just one thing, we would have over 650 items to donate to the food banks! The shopping list below provides information as to the type of food the food banks require.

Donations can be brought into school every day from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** until **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. We will have large containers inside the school gates throughout the week for you to put your donations in. *These will be left untouched for 72 hours before they are taken to the foodbank as a Covid-19 safety measure.*

We will be kicking off our Food Bank Collection with a **no cost** dress up day on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** with the theme: **We Scare Hunger**. Children are invited to wear something that scares away hunger, so this could be a superhero costume, a Halloween costume or even a magical costume! We would like our children to be as environmentally friendly as possible so please reuse as much as possible, or why not make a costume at home. We'll leave this to your imagination! Please make sure your child's costume is appropriate for school, so no scary masks and make sure it is something they can wear comfortably all day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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## Foodbank Shopping List

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- Rice
- Sugar (500 g bags)
- UHT milk (1 litre)
- Breakfast cereals & oats
- Tinned meat (including pies, mince, corned beef and hotdogs)
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned rice pudding
- Toiletries (Toilet rolls, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shower gel and shampoo)
- Sanitary products

### OTHER ITEMS

- Pasta
- Juices (Fruit juices, cordials and squashes)
- Soups (Vegetarian and meat soups, tins and packets)
- Sauces (Pasta, curry and stew in jars and packets)
- Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- Hot Drinks (Instant coffee, drinking chocolate and tea)
- Desserts (Jars and tins of fruit, dried fruit, tinned and powdered custard, rice/ sponge pudding, biscuits)
- Jams and spreads (Jam, honey and chocolate spread)
- Vegetables and Fruit (Tinned fruit, vegetables and pulses, and mashed potato)
- Staples (Flour, cooking oil, salt, pepper, sugar, spices)
- Baby Products (Nappies, wet wipes, baby food, shampoo, powder, lotion, nappy barrier cream, cotton wool)
- Household Goods (Cleaning products, washing up liquid, anti-bacterial spray, surface cleaner, cloths, washing powder, fabric conditioner and kitchen roll)