Dear Parent/Carer

Derby City Council recognises that there has been a lot of discussion around the provision of Free School Meals during the school holidays. Locally, we see the need to provide both a short-term solution for the impending Christmas holiday as well a longer-term solution that helps address the root causes of the difficulties faced by families in Derby.

The Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance, which is a collective of organisations working with Community Action Derby, aims to help people break out of the cycle of food insecurity and have provided support in Derby during the time of COVID 19.

In partnership with Derby City Council, they are offering an opportunity for you access a Christmas top-up package which provides a mixture of nutritional food, as well as some of the traditional treats for your children to enjoy at Christmas. You will also receive some information which highlights how you can access support available to you within the City throughout the year.

Please be aware that this is a top-up package and it is not intended to provide items for the entire two-week period but as an ‘add on’ to help supplement what you can manage to purchase yourself.

To receive this package, you will need to contact………………. and include your name, address and contact details by Friday, 4 December. If your child has any special dietary requirements, it would be helpful for you to inform us. The items will be delivered to your home address by the Food 4 Thought Alliance volunteers by………

We understand the difficulties that COVID 19 has challenged us with this year and therefore urge you to reach out if you require support and not suffer in silence. In spite of these exceptional circumstances, we feel that all families deserve to have a good Christmas.

If you have any questions with regards to this support offer then please feel free to contact ………..

Yours sincerely

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