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Dear Parent or Guardian

## HARVEST DONATIONS 2020

Each year your school collects non-perishable, tinned and packet food which is then donated to the Swindon Food Collective (Swindon's food bank). We then distribute your donated items to those in need; helping individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves because of low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement and/or sickness.

HOWEVER THINGS HAVE CHANGED THIS YEAR. Normally we ask for food as people are going hungry, and with each passing day, more and more are falling into poverty with little chance of escape - which is still true. But, as you can imagine, COVID 19 has hit some families very hard due to isolation, furlough from work, redundancy, increased debt or rent arrears as a result of having a reduced income for over 3 months.

We have been fortunate enough to receive extra donations of food from supermarkets and this is currently meeting the need so this year we are asking for household goods instead of food to help families protect themselves from infection and harm. It's very important that we all do what we can to reduce the risk of people getting ill with coronavirus so this year we are asking for items to help people stay safe - items which many of our people have limited amounts of or are unable to afford on a regular basis.

If you are able, please donate something off this list below and send into school for Harvest and if you can afford to "POP ON A POUND" to your item with sellotape or attach it in a sealed envelope, this will help raise funds to help cover the cost of running the distribution centres, warehouse and vans which collect and distribute the food.

- Cleaning cloths
- Household cleaners
- Wash & Go 2in shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant (male & female),
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Surface cleaners
- Soap
- Toilet rolls
- Laundry pods/power/liquid
- Laundry Conditioner
- Shower gel (male & female)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

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You can follow or donate to us via our Web page: <https://www.swindonfoodcollective.org/> or  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/swindonfoodcollective/>

Thank you.