

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Derby City Council Christmas top-up package

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 all 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 to 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. **This package is not available to students/families who are eligible for free school meals. A separate food parcel will be provided over the Christmas period. We will provide further details of this nearer the time.**

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 we ask you to either contact school by calling 01332 270450 or complete the attached form. **Deadline is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.** The items will be delivered to your home address by the Food 4 Thought Alliance volunteers.

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 us.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith  
Headteacher

**Derby City Council Christmas Top-Up Package Reply Slip**

Students Name:	
Form Group:	
Does the student receive Free School Meals (FSM)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If yes, unfortunately the package is not available to students/families who are eligible for FSM. A separate food parcel will be provided during the Christmas period. More information about this will be provided nearer the time.
Parents Name:	
Home Address:	
Postcode:	
Home Telephone:	
Mobile:	
Email address:	
Special dietary requirements:	

I give permission for my details to be shared with Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance to arrange delivery of the Christmas top-up package:

Signed:..... Date:.....

Please return completed forms to Mrs Parkin, City of Derby Academy no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020