



St Osyth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirits. Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your generous contributions towards starting our very own St Osyth Pantry. We plan to keep this stocked throughout the year through charitable donations and events such as our recent non-uniform day. As we navigate through these challenging times, it's important for us to come together as a community and support one another. One of the ways in which we strive to do so is through our school's food pantry, which aims to provide assistance to those in need.

The food pantry is a valuable resource available to all families within our school community who may be experiencing food insecurity or facing financial difficulties. Our goal is to ensure that every family has access to nutritious meals, regardless of their circumstances. However, in order for the food pantry to effectively fulfil its purpose, it is essential that we maintain honesty and transparency in its usage. For the time being, the food pantry will be located on our school drive, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings (weather permitting).

I am writing to kindly request that parents/carers be forthcoming and honest when accessing the food pantry. This means using the pantry only when genuinely in need and refraining from taking more than what is necessary. By doing so, we can ensure that the resources are distributed equally among all families who require assistance.

Additionally, we understand that reaching out for help can sometimes be difficult, but please know that your privacy and dignity are of utmost importance to us. If you find yourself in need of support, whether it's temporary or ongoing, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources available to you through the food pantry.

Furthermore, if you are aware of any families within our community who may benefit from the services of the food pantry, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or another member of our school staff. We are here to offer support and assistance to all families in need.

In conclusion, let us uphold the values of honesty, integrity, and compassion as we utilize the resources provided by our school's food pantry. Together, we can ensure that no family goes hungry and that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Yerli

(Year One teacher, music, school council and food pantry lead)