

Supporting Godmanchester Foodbank



*In September this is the
food we collected and
then this is the food we
collected in December .*



Are foodbanks becoming more and more necessary?

On Thursday 7th December 2017 students from spring common Academy visited a local foodbank in Godmanchester to deliver donations from parents, pupils and staff for their Christmas appeal.

In September we had a harvest festival assembly and we were asked to bring in food donations for a foodbank and we were then curious to find what is a foodbank? So in Year 11 we started doing some research and learnt about the Trussel Trust and the work they do in this country and specifically Cambridgeshire to help people who cannot afford to buy food.

Then we decided to start up our own donation for Christmas and we asked parents, carers and staff members if they could donate to the foodbank again.

We then contacted the foodbank at Godmanchester and asked if we could deliver the donations ourselves and also ask them questions about what they do and why .



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We were told by the volunteers that to receive a bag of food from the foodbank, people would need to bring a voucher given to them by a doctor or social services or drug and alcohol support services. They would then be given a food bag that would last 6- 9 weeks. How much food they got depended on need. So single people get 2 bags of food, couples would get three bags, small families 4 bags and a large family would get 5 bags. Each bag would contain the same content just larger quantities.

The volunteers also gave advice and handed out leaflets on finance, council and housing. They would phone the housing dept for homeless people and get them an appointment if they needed it.

Sometimes they will do home visits for disabled people or people who cannot they leave their houses, currently they have a lady who uses a motorised wheelchair and she visits them every three months when her benefits run out.