

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Children In Need Day – Friday 13th November 2020

We are delighted to be supporting the charity 'Children in Need' by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November. Our STARS (Student Leadership Team) suggested that this day should be an opportunity for students to be proactive in raising money for much needed causes.

Students are invited to bring a suggested donation of £2 in return for wearing their own clothing to school. Donations will be collected as students arrive in the morning. We ask that the correct change is brought to ease collection and so it can be placed in collection buckets in a socially distanced manner. The Academy will be operating as normal and all students are expected to be on time and prepared for all their lessons on this day and adhere to the usual high expectations expected of them.

We have stressed to our students that the clothing worn as 'non-uniform' must be suitable for school and we request that you support this by checking the outfit that your child chooses to wear. Students who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to go home and change and we would of course prefer to avoid any interruptions to learning. Masks and lanyards in communal areas remain a non-negotiable uniform item and should your child have PE on Friday, we request that they wear clothing suitable for practical activity.

Unacceptable clothing for non-uniform days:

- High or pointed heels, platform shoes
- Low cut or otherwise revealing tops including crop tops
- Short or otherwise revealing skirts or trousers
- Hats and coats are not permitted inside the school building
- No additional jewellery or make up may be worn than is acceptable on a normal school day.

Funds collected will be split equally between 'Children in Need' and to support us in providing Christmas care packages which we hope will bring some festive cheer to our senior residents in place of our annual Christmas lunch.

As a further community project, we are re-launching the THA Food Bank that supported a number of families in March-April. The Academy remain absolutely committed to supporting our students, families and community members in these uncertain times. We are aware that food banks are running low on stock as fewer people are donating to them and vulnerable groups may have anxieties in relation to this. The support that we provide at The Academy goes beyond teaching alone and we would like to request parent/carers support in making the Food Bank re-launch as successful as it was in the Spring.



If you are able to make any **donations of non-perishable** items, such as those listed below, it would be much appreciated. We will then work with THA families experiencing hardship to make these available.

Tinned food items, e.g. soup, beans

Rice

Pasta & dried noodles

Biscuits and crackers

Tea/coffee

Toiletries & household supplies, including: toilet roll; toothpaste; soap; sanitary items.

We have designated collection points for these items at The Academy and students, parent/carers and community members can donate items at the Food Bank drop-off box in the main entrance.

We continue work towards our ethos of being **'THA Proud'** and would like to thank you in advance for your support of this.

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Mrs Fiona Carey
Deputy Headteacher