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Dear Parent / Carer

## Lent Charity Campaign

As you are no doubt aware, we are currently in the season of Lent – traditionally a period of repentance, sacrifice, prayer as well as charity work.

At St Joseph's we are going to put these aspects into action for the next four weeks. We have taken this from the Parable of Sheep and Goats and felt that our support could be two-fold this year. The main areas we would like to focus on is our support of the people in Ukraine, as well as those in our local community who find the food bank helpful in these difficult times.

The first area of our Lenten focus is to feed the hungry, therefore we are asking each student to provide food and bring the donations to their tutors, who will be placing donated food in big baskets we have in the reception area. We are expecting to have a substantial donation to give to the Trussell Trust Food Bank before we break for our Easter holidays.

These are the food items most urgently needed by food banks.



Pasta (canned or dry) and pasta sauces Meat alternatives (peanut butter, soy, assorted nuts) Canned: fish, beans, soups, and stews



Canned vegetables and fruit Whole grain cereals Toilet rolls, toothbrushes, razors, nappies 4-6

The second area of our Lenten focus will be on helping the people of Ukraine by bringing clothing, first aid boxes, bandages for first aid, blankets, sleeping bags, instant milk and toiletries for those that desperately need it at this time.

Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this Lenten campaign and encouraging your child to be fully involved, while being well prepared for the most important of our Christian events this Easter and Jesus' resurrection.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a truly blessed Lent, which will lead to the renewal in faith.

Yours sincerely

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