

Tuesday 5th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are extremely excited to announce a festive initiative that will hopefully see our staff and students getting involved in spreading some joy to members of our local community this Christmas.

The festive period is traditionally a time of happiness and enjoyment making memories with family and loved ones. We are hoping that all of our students, parents/carers and other stakeholders are able to spend time with those most important to them. However, we appreciate that there are some people within our community that are not as fortunate as others when it comes to enjoying the holiday season.

With this in mind, Outwood Academy Danum would like to do all we can to spread some festive cheer and help those whose circumstances may not be as positive as ours. Over the next two weeks, through our VMG periods, we will be producing Christmas care packages that we intend to share with the local community.

Through assemblies, each VMG has been invited to make small contributions to a 'hamper' that we would like to deliver to those in need within our community during the final week of term. We are therefore asking all students who are able to bring in a small item that would become part of their VMG hamper. A list of suggested contributions is found on the second page of this letter.

In addition to these contributions, we have also invited students to write letters and poems that will form part of our hampers. We are doing this to provide some positive messages within our hampers that we are producing. Students have an opportunity to write these messages during VMG, and have also been given some templates on Google Classroom. We are also including other exciting items in our hampers as we as an academy look to do all we can to make a difference within our community.

We recognise the financial challenges that many families face at this time of year, and as such we appreciate that not all are in a position to make contributions, however if you do find that you have means to support our initiative we would be extremely grateful. Please be mindful that items donated need to have expiry dates that will exceed the Christmas period.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for all of the help and support that you may be able to offer in our community Christmas hamper initiative. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Suggested hamper items:

- Biscuits
- Cereal
- Christmas condiments
- Long life milk
- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Jams and preserves
- Crackers
- Tinned fruit
- Cereal bars
- Custard

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Spence
Associate Principal