

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

First for Food – 1 December 2020

Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic will see more than a quarter of a billion people suffering acute hunger by the end of the year. The latest UK statistics show one in three (4.1 million) children live in poverty in the UK, with an estimated 2.5 million living in food insecure households. Despite record employment, the proportion of children in poverty with working parents has reached an all-time high of 72%. This figure is set to increase as the results of unemployment following the first 2020 lockdown are felt.

Across Bohunt Education Trust (BET)'s family of schools, there are more than 800 students eligible for free school meals, with a further increase predicted over this year.

BET's game-changing ethos is built on empowering students to act for a better world. With this in mind, it has been decided that students may buy silicone wristbands to wear from Tuesday 1 December in their house colours.

Students will need to pay £1, which will be donated equally to The Food Surplus Project (Whitley Community Development Association) and Wokingham Food Bank to help support those locally in need. In addition, students and parents / carers can donate to The Trussell Trust – a charity supporting those in poverty and campaigning for change to end the need for food banks. Donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/first-for-food>

If you need to access the support of your local Food Bank, please contact:

- Wokingham Foodbank 07926 524605 or via info@wokingham.foodbank.org.uk
- The Food Surplus Project (Whitley Community Development Association) 0118 374 0052 or visit <https://whitley-cda.org/contact-us-2/>

About The Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust supports a nationwide network of more than 1,200 food banks, together providing emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaigning for change to end the need for food banks in the UK. More about the charity: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Ben Godber
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