

Dear Mr McEvoy and all at Bishop Challoner Catholic College,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of 71.2 kg of food to the B30 Foodbank. As you probably know we are a completely voluntary organisation, supported by the Trussell Trust. We rely solely on donations from generous individuals or organisations such as yourself to provide for individuals and families within our community who, for whatever reason, find themselves in immediate crisis, and are therefore going hungry. Your gift will be used to help give our families in crisis enough food to make three meals a day per person for three days

Just to give you an idea of the scale of the work we do at the B30 Foodbank, in 2018 we received donations of 84 795 kg of food and we gave out 82 509 kg, which fed 9 443 people (of whom 3 796 were children). This meant that in an average week, we were receiving 83 referrals from various different agencies, and in response we were giving out on average 1 587 kg of food per week, to feed 182 people.

The introduction of Universal Credit across Birmingham had a huge impact on our numbers in 2018. Averaged out across the year there was a 33% increase in the number of referrals to our Foodbank compared to 2017 and worryingly, in December alone we fed 1 313 people. This rise is a trend that unfortunately looks set to continue well into this new year as in our first full week of 2019 we dealt with 148 referrals (286 people receiving 2449 kg of food).

As well as distributing food, our volunteers will also try to signpost clients towards other organisations who may be able to offer advice or assistance. Should you wish to learn more or keep up to date with the work of the B30 Foodbank, please visit our website, Twitter or our Facebook page.

We would like to reiterate how important your donation will be in helping us to make a significant difference to individuals and families who would otherwise go hungry and on their behalf we thank you wholeheartedly once again for your support. Please find attached a certificate, should you have a noticeboard on which to display it.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Kearns

On behalf of the B30 Foodbank