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Dear Michelle, staff & pupils of Retford Oaks Academy,

On behalf of Bassetlaw Food Bank I would like extend my sincere gratitude for the donation that you all made to assist those experiencing food poverty across the district.

The continued goodwill and generosity demonstrated by you all and the local community across the district is what keeps the project operating. Without this continued support then we would not be able to render the support to the vulnerable experiencing food poverty.

To provide some context, 2018 was an extremely challenging year for the project with the trajectory glide path of people needing assistance increasing by 17% over the year. Quarter three which includes the school summer holidays saw a rise in demand for our services increasing by some 22%, and was extremely challenging. With the plight of the many being focussed on by the media campaign launched by TRAX FM, and a Sky News article which the Food Bank was involved in. The final quarter of the year pushed the charity to its limits and saw a 35% increase in the run up to the Christmas period.

The volume of people experiencing food poverty has continued to increase into 2019, where we have seen a 20% rise in demand for our services up to the end of May with the school holidays fast approaching and it is expected to continue throughout the whole of the coming year and beyond.

Thank you once again!

Paula

Paula Howard
Manager – Bassetlaw Food Bank