

Dear Wingrove Primary School,

We are writing to express our gratitude to your pupils, parents, carers and colleagues for your generous donation to Newcastle West End Foodbank. Your pupils, parents, carers and colleagues  
Our charity strives to provide food parcels, meals and welfare assistance for people who are unable to afford food for themselves or their families. The ongoing cost of living crisis is resulting in more people using our services.

Newcastle West End Foodbank operates a network of 7 Foodbank distribution hubs across the Newcastle city region. Although a relatively small charity employing 7 people, the scale of the services we provide is considerable and made possible by over 100 volunteers who are at the core of every aspect of our services.

We work closely with over 60 referral agencies including Medical Centres, Social Services, Housing Associations, Refugee support agencies, Schools and Children's Services who issue Foodbank Vouchers to those in need.

Physical and financial donations enable the Foodbank to provide food parcels and support to those in need every week, with nearly half of the people to benefit from our food parcels being children, living in low-income households who would otherwise go hungry.

Our work is made possible by the generosity of people who provide us with the donations that help us to sustain our services. We supplement our food distribution support with welfare services through our Pathways Team, who are trained to help clients with a range of issues including debt, housing, fuel and benefits.

Since April 2022 demand has increased significantly, with September 2022 being the busiest month on record for the Foodbank: we issued 2,019 parcels in a single month. We are truly grateful for your support.

Best wishes,

Laura

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