

**Think FOOD**  
**Think SUPPORT**  
**Think CHANGE**



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Dear Parent/Guardian

We hope that these top up packages, aimed at supporting your children this Christmas will help relieve some of the stress at a time that has been challenging for many.

We at the Derby Food 4 Thought are working in partnership with Derby City Council and other local voluntary/charity sector organisation to support families across our city to offer long term support as well as other short term help such as Christmas packages.

Recently the Government has given Local Authorities a COVID Winter Support Grant to help support our most vulnerable residents through the winter months. Through a Derby wide partnership, the scheme will provide free school meals to schools at Christmas, additional food parcels to families and individuals who need that support who don't get free school meals, **as well as a one-off winter support payment to help with the cost of gas, electricity and water over winter.** Each household before Christmas already received similar letter attached to food parcel. But unfortunately not many families submitted required information to us for COVID Winter Support scheme application.

**If you feel this winter support payment would help you**, I've attached a sheet which highlights the information you need to give us, which you can do by emailing [sustainabilityscheme@communityactionderby.org.uk](mailto:sustainabilityscheme@communityactionderby.org.uk) **as soon as you can.** The funding for the winter payment is limited and will close when the funding has been spent. We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance if you have any questions regarding completing attached form.

When we receive your email, you will also be considered for further support, **but you do need to tell us that it is ok to share your information with the Welfare team at the Council, who work with residents on a wide range of issues.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**We aim to process applications in the first week of January on our return after the Christmas break, so please send us the information prior to this so we can move forward on this assistance.**

Can we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and look forward to helping you in 2021.

From

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