

### **Felix Project Further Information:**

**When:** Every term time Thursday afternoons from 3pm-4pm. The dates for December are 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December. We will start again on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**What:** Depends on what stock is surplus but usually includes: fresh fruit and veg, dairy produce, chilled food with a use by date of the same day, dried goods with a short shelf life.

**How will it work?:** Open to all on a first come, first served basis. You need to bring your own shopping bags and can help yourselves to what you need for yourselves and your families.

**How much food can we take?:** As we don't know exact quantities and contents, we can't pre-allocate. We ask that you take what you feel you can use and be considerate to others.

**Do I need to register?:** No, but the Felix Project is keen to know what levels of interest we are getting, so we may record how many families visit on any given week. We will not take or share any personal details.

**Do I have to pay?:** No, it's completely free. The Felix Project does not ask the school for any donations in order to be a partner. They do accept donations on their website should anyone wish to support them, but they do not expect payment in exchange for food taken.

**Can I come on a different day?:** No, unfortunately we have to agree that we will distribute the food on the same day as a condition of being accepted as an approved community partner, so you can only come at the advertised times.

**Can people from outside Swakeleys come?:** At the moment, we would like to prioritise our own families, so are restricting the offer to Swakeleys families only.

**Will this be a regular thing?:** Yes, every week in term time. Holidays to be confirmed nearer to the dates.

**Will food be Halal/suitable for all dietary requirements?:** We don't know what food we will get so cannot confirm this (as food is whatever is surplus or near its use by date from the supermarkets), but a good portion of the food should be fruit, vegetables and dry/canned goods, therefore suitable for a halal diet. It will be your responsibility to check the packaging for any dietary requirements. This also includes for any allergies including nuts. The school takes no responsibility for guaranteeing against any allergies and any food you take is at your own risk.

**Is the food good quality and safe?:** Yes the food is transported in purpose made chilled vans and stored at correct temperatures whilst at school. It comes from reputable supermarkets. The Felix Project take food safety very seriously and the school has had to demonstrate suitability as a host before being accepted onto the programme as a long term partner.

**Will the food be cooked:** No, you will have to cook the food yourself.

**Is this essentially a food bank?:** No it's a different concept. The Felix Project has two main objectives, to fight food hunger and to fight food waste. This scheme is a food redistribution effort which has the potential to tackle both of its charitable objectives. It is open to anyone who supports reducing food waste, not linked to anybody's personal financial situation. No financial eligibility/proof of benefit checks will be made and all are welcome.

More information on the Felix Project can be found here: <https://thefelixproject.org/>