

26th March 2019

Dear parents,

We would like to inform you that Pepperberry Day Nursery will be engaging in and supporting **Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank**. Of course as always we would really appreciate your support with this.

Unfortunately hygiene poverty affects families around the country. We have all heard of Food banks and know what they do, however not many of us have heard of Hygiene banks. As the Bare Necessities wrote to us in their introductory email '***Below the food poverty lies hygiene poverty***'.

There are lots of people relying on food banks for their day to day food necessities, unfortunately they do not seem to have many donations in terms of toiletries or hygiene items. For some local people in financial crisis, access to the basic toiletry and hygiene products we use daily and take for granted, is off limits and therefore families and children are particularly affected. Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank is a relatively new charity, they only started last year as an informal toiletries collection amongst their friends and families and are now looking for support from the community. Not only that as you are all aware Hygiene is high on our day to day agenda, from teaching the children important hygiene routines, to consistently ensuring our resources, equipment and the nursery environment is clean, fresh and hygienic at all time, but also at Pepperberry we strive to support our Community in every way we possibly can, and therefore we would like to take part in supporting this great cause.

Bare Necessities collects toiletries for three local charities; FoodFriend, Wilmslow's Food Bank at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Stockport's the Wellspring a resource centre for homeless and disadvantaged people and Greater Manchester's Smartworks dressing and coaching unemployed women for job success. We have placed a collection bin in our Reception area and we would really appreciate if you could please support this great cause by donating any toiletries you may have at home and may not use.

Please see below a list of things you could donate if you wish to support this:

- **Unwanted toiletry gift sets**
- **Hair and skin care products (men and women)**
- **Bath and shower products**
- **Toothpaste and toothbrushes**
- **Baby wipes and nappies**

We will have the collection bin in our Reception available from Monday 1st April until 12th April (2 weeks) if you would like to donate any items please feel free to drop them in the allocated box.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

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Director of Operations