



30 September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Launchpad 2020

Our Senior Student Charity Committee are organising a number of events to help Reading's local homeless people and we would greatly appreciate your support. We will be supporting LaunchPad and CIRDIC, two local non-profit organisations.



On Saturday 10 October 2020 we will be holding a virtual 'Sleep Out' for students to raise awareness and gain empathy on what is it like to be homeless.

To take part students can do the following:

- Spend the night sleeping on the floor using just a blanket for comfort.
- No phones or internet to be used other than to take a photo as proof.
- Food eaten that evening can be simple, cheap, cold and no frills.
- Students should sleep with the window open to attempt at replicating the feeling of sleeping outside.
- If COVID-19 guidelines allow it, students can complete this with a friend or sibling.

On Monday 12 October 2020 we will then be holding a trainer day.

- Students opting to take part will bring in £1 in cash to be able to wear their own non-school shoes that day. This will be collected during tutor. All other uniform must adhere to the normal school uniform policy.
- The money will then be donated to LaunchPad, a local homeless charity.
- On this day, students will also have the option to order soup and bread for lunch.

Moving forward, we will also be creating Christmas boxes for CIRDIC to give to local homeless people over the Christmas period. These will be put together as tutor groups.

If possible, please can students bring in one or more of the following in new or very good condition by Friday 6 November 2020.

- Socks
- Gloves, hats, scarves
- Chocolate/sweets (with a long best before date)
- Christmas card with well wishes filled in

- Wrapping paper
- Deodorant
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitiser

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Student Voice Coordinator