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Dear Parent

### **Spielberg's Christmas Appeal**

Every year Northfleet Technology College goes beyond to support local charities during the festive season. This year is no exception and Spielberg Learning Community would like to, once again support 'The Ellenor Lions Hospice' in Northfleet and for the first time, the Sisters of Mercy, Gravesend.

The Ellenor Lions Hospice is a 15 bed facility in Coldharbour Road, Northfleet which provides care for adults and young people (14 years plus) with cancer and other progressive life threatening illnesses. Admissions can be to provide end of life care or to control specific symptoms through a short stay.

The hospice has asked for donations of packets of biscuits, tea, coffee and sugar as this can help them to give friends and relatives refreshments when they come to visit their loved ones. Therefore, we are asking students to bring packets of biscuits, tea, coffee and sugar into school and give them to their Learning Coach so that they can be gathered together and then presented to the Lions Hospice near the end of term.

The Sisters of Mercy run a project in Gravesend providing a warm place for the homeless to sleep in the church with sleeping bags and pull out beds, as a short term measure. Those in need of a more permanent place to sleep will be lucky enough to have a bed in one of their hostels; they also provide a warm lunch and dinner at their hostel to whoever needs it. The Sisters work with their residents over a 6 month period and find them secured long term accommodation through social housing. When a new resident joins the hostel the charity provide everything from new bedding, to clothes, to toiletries and provide them with food parcels when they leave.


We are hoping to support the amazing work of the sisters by asking for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries (particularly those for women) and we ask that your son brings any donations into school. We are looking for items such as tinned and packaged food, pasta, soups etc, soap, deodorant, toothpaste etc.

In all cases please ensure any donations will keep for long periods of time as it may be some time before they are used; we will also need them to be brought into school by Friday 15 December 2017 at the latest.

We hope that you and your son will be able to support these worthwhile causes. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LA Donaldson', written in a cursive style.

**Ms LA Donaldson**  
Head of Spielberg Learning Community  
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