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| Donation to Silklife Foodbank, Macclesfield | **Silklife Foodbank**  **C/O Dan Blackman**  **Silklife Church**  The Silklife Centre  George Street  Macclesfield  Cheshire  SK11 6HS  www.foodbank@silklife.co.uk |
| St Gregory’s Catholic Primary School, Bollington.  Headteacher Mr J Daley |
| Friday 2nd October 2020 |  |

# Re: Donation to Silklife Foodbank – School Harvest Collection

Dear Parishioners at St Gregory’s Catholic Church.

I was delighted to be invited to St Gregory’s Catholic Primary School today to see first-hand the amazing work yourselves and all of the children have done to collect so many bags. My team counted 67 bags of donations and we think this is tremendous. Your work is invaluable in helping us to respond to emergency hunger crisis in our town.

Until a cure is found for Covid-19 we anticipate that the trajectory of referrals will continue to rapidly increase. Since the lockdown began, the Silklife Foodbank has given out 73% more food than the previous year. In the first 6 months of 2020 our team distributed over 1300 bags of shopping and supplied over 16,000 meals to the people who live in the Sk10 and Sk11 locality who are facing emergency hunger crisis.

Silklife foodbank has been open for 10 years now and never has it witnessed such a steep rise in people asking for help. As a Catholic congregation who believes in praying to a God that compassionately cares for all people, our team would ask that you take a moment in your time together to pray for us and the work that is carried out every week of the year at the foodbank. Please pray that donations will continue to meet the need and that our volunteers who are risking their own health will remain safe in their work.

Thank you once again, wearing a big smile for all you’ve done.

Please do follow us on Facebook (Silklife Foodbank), so you can receive all of the latest news.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Blackman

Manager: Silklife Foodbank, Macclesfield