

**To Parents/Carers of Year 7 Pupils**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**'The Little Sleep Out'**

For the past six years, we have held an event called 'The Little Sleep Out', similar to events being held by churches; theirs being called 'The Big Sleep Out'.

We propose that our Year 7 pupils bed down in the playground between the hours of 4pm and 7pm, on Thursday 8th December 2022, to experience a little of what being on the streets is actually like. Unlike real homeless people, they will have access to the school toilets. Many members of staff are joining in on this cause too, so the pupils will be well supervised.

The money raised will be donated to 'Crisis at Christmas'. It costs roughly £28 for a homeless person to be accommodated for a few days over the Christmas period. This money provides them respite from the cold and cruel streets, a Christmas dinner, access to showers, clean clothes, dentist/doctor check-ups and haircuts.

Over the past few years, we have managed to raise over £20,000 for Crisis at Christmas. Please encourage your child to join in and get sponsored for as much as possible. There will be a JustGiving page on the website, for you to share with friends and family to donate to this very worthy cause.

We know that times are tough for many people at the moment. If you cannot afford to donate, it is still fine for your child to take part in this event.

If your child will be joining us for The Little Sleep Out, please give consent via ParentPay, and inform us of all your child's medical needs. If your child is allowed to make their own way home at the end of the event, please choose this option on ParentPay.

Yours sincerely,

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