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Dear Parent /Carer

This week I have received an email from a parent suggesting that we should reconsider the decision about our Harvest Festival and our support for the Padley Centre in Derby.

Over the past few years, we have collected provisions and other household items for the Padley Centre and everyone had been extremely generous.

However, in early 2018 we announced that for the rest of the year – until December 2018 our fund raising would concentrate on one chosen charity project – the school that we are helping in Kolkata India. We are well on our way to our £14,000 target and currently we have just passed the £11,000 mark.

Around £3,000 of this has been donated through the Derby Diocese with the rest being raised by the school. Of this, around £2,500 has been given through specific donations from outside school. We hope that we can get as close as possible to our target by the end of the year.

For this reason, in line with letters earlier in 2018, we decided that for one year only the Harvest Festival would support our school project in India.

Following the email I received, I do not want to stop people if they do wish to contribute again to the Padley Centre and to this end we will happily receive any such donations that you wish to make alongside our requested donation for our Indian school.

Next year, we will hope to revert to our focus in supporting the Padley Centre for Harvest 2019.

Our desire as a school is to encourage children to experience charitable generosity, where we give to help others and expect nothing in return except the feeling inside that we are helping others.

If you do wish to talk to me about this in the future then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Poole
Headteacher