



**HOSPITALITY
AND HOPE**
IN THE HEART OF SWANSEA

Dear students and staff at Llanrhidian Primary School,

We are incredibly grateful to you for choosing to donate your harvest collections this year to Matthew's House. Following months of lockdown and hard times for so many, our pantry shelves have hit an all time low. Your support has come at the perfect time to help us through the winter ahead.

Our leading expression at Matthew's House is Matt's Café, a place where everyone is welcome to sit and eat a hot meal on a pay-as-you-feel basis. This means that if someone does not have the funds, they can fill their belly for free. All the food we use is donated or wasted from supermarkets, so we save perfectly good food from going in the bin. Since opening in 2017 we have served over **77,000 meals** to vulnerable people in our city.

Throughout the last 6 months we have remained available for those who need us, co-ordinating a network called 'Swansea Together'. This was a collaboration of groups and charities delivering a hot meal to anyone in temporary accommodation during lockdown. People were able to stay inside safely without fear of going hungry. Since August we have been open as an emergency outdoor takeaway, which sees over 100 people during a service. Whilst we are unable to open inside still, we will continue to serve the city in the best and safest way possible. Here are some of the kind words guests have shared with us over the last couple of months...

"What you guys have been doing is a lifesaver. I'm not kidding, this place has saved my life."

"Respect for what you're doing here. It needs to be said. You're doing a great job. We are so grateful."

"I've enjoyed the food for months, the most fed I've ever been!"

Without people like you, none of this would be possible! Thank you for believing in Matthew's House and standing with us.

With love and thanks,

The Matthew's House Leadership and Family

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