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FareShare – Volunteers Needed!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to welcome all new parents/carers and introduce you to Green Ridge's FareShare, one of the many initiatives Green Ridge supports to improve sustainability.

Hopefully you will already have seen our team of parents/carers distributing food by the school office, and perhaps you've managed to help yourself to a baguette or a bag of chicken!

Four times a week, in partnership with the charity FareShare, we collect surplus food from Tesco and KFC, and we encourage all members of the school community to take anything they can use to feed their families. This helps improve our carbon footprint and reduces waste.

But the heart of the project is our volunteers. FareShare runs entirely thanks to the goodwill of parents and carers who give a few minutes of their time – often alongside the school run. Children love getting involved too, and it's a brilliant way to meet other parents and quickly feel part of the Green Ridge family.

How can you help?

1. **Collection Drivers** – Pick up surplus food from Tesco (evenings) or KFC (afternoons) and bring it to school.
2. **Set-up & tidy-up helpers** – Lend a hand putting out or packing away the tables we use for the food (during the school run). It takes just five minutes but makes a huge difference.

The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load is on everyone. It's also a great way to meet more parents and carers and build a supportive network.

If you think you could spare five minutes a few times a term, please don't hesitate to contact me at laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk to find out more. I'd love to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. Laura Nunn