

## **An example letter to send to parents/guardians.**

(To be amended, as necessary.)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: [Name of Group] SVP (St Vincent de Paul) Summer Sleep Out/Over/Without

This year [name of group] is organising its own ['Sleep Out/Over/Without'] event in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society's (SVP) work with those who are experiencing homelessness. The event is being held on [insert date] at [insert location].

We are encouraging as many of our [children/young people] as possible to take part by getting sponsorship to sleep [out/over/without] for the SVP for one night to demonstrate solidarity with those experiencing homelessness.

The SVP Summer Sleep experience not only gives [children/young people] a better understanding of what hundreds of thousands experience daily, it is also an opportunity to turn their concern into action by raising vital funds which enables the SVP to continue to support the most vulnerable and socially excluded in communities across England and Wales.

The SVP supports people experiencing hardship and poverty in all its forms across England and Wales at regional St Vincent's centres, through local volunteers and with the help of SVP members, and in partnership with local authorities and other organisations. The SVP's mission is to support anyone in need without judgement and with the dignity of the individual at the core of its work.

We have produced a range of information and guidance for the SVP Summer Sleep so that our [children/young people] can safely take part in the event and enjoy the experience.

We appreciate your support with the SVP Summer Sleep. All funds raised will help to change lives and support the most vulnerable in our communities.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

[Insert name of organiser.]

