

Film Clip 3 – Food Banks



Ashley (Sam Hudson) tells Ruby (Gemma Churchill) that he is ashamed to go to a food bank.

Dialogue

RUBY: Where's your mum?

ASHLEY: She's taken the voucher that Housing Officer gave her and gone down the Food Bank.

RUBY: Oh good.

ASHLEY: She's been gone ages though.

RUBY: Takes a long time down there. The queue's out the door and the people that give it out then like to pray with you. That can take an eternity if the one you get is very religious.

ASHLEY: You know we keep getting told at school that food's too cheap. And I want to go, 'If that's right how come so many people have to go to food banks then?'

RUBY: Why don't you?

ASHLEY: I don't want any of them to even guess that we have to use them

Discuss

- What do you know and understand about food banks?

Do you know where your local food bank is and who is entitled to go there? Do you know how you can donate to a food bank? How much food in your cupboards and fridges goes uneaten?

- The charity Trussell Trust predicts up to one million Britons will turn to food banks next year (2014) in order to feed their families. Why do you think this is?
- Why is Ashley embarrassed about having to go to a food bank? How are we stereotyping the people that need to use food banks?
- When Ashley is talking about food 'being too cheap' what types of food do you think his school were referring to? Is it cheaper to buy a burger from McDonalds than a salad from Sainsbury's?
- The food that Ashley's family get from the food bank has to last them 3 days. Look at the list of food they would typically receive and try and work out how to feed your family with that food:
 - *1 medium packet of cereal, 2 medium packet of biscuits (probably not chocolate), Tea (80 bags), 1 carton of UHT milk, 2 standard tins of soup, 2 standard tins of beans, 2 standard tins of tomatoes, 2 standard tins of vegetables, 2 standard tins of meat, 2 standard tins of fish, 500g sugar, 1 carton of juice.*