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### **Breaking News Community Kitchen becomes food distribution outlet at Edward Woods Community Centre**

Edward Woods Urban Partnership Group (UPG) had a community kitchen once a week before the Coronavirus shut us down. Not to be beaten we have turned our community kitchen into a food distribution outlet.

When we closed UPG moved extremely quickly ordering 6 industrial freezers and fridges for Edward Wood and our other two sites at the Masbro Centre and White City Community Centre. We set up the distribution centres with social distancing and food hygiene to the forefront of our strategy. After some teething problems we feel we have got this right with deliveries only at Masbro and a "one in one out" food distribution system at White City and a doorstep service at Edward Woods which is safer than any supermarket or corner shop.

Food has always been an important part of UPG's community development work - no event or celebration doesn't include food so, we already had contacts with food distributors FareShare, Felix and City Harvest. Other providers have chipped in such as Chelsea FC and Hawkesdown House School in Kensington with ready meals.

Over 60 people enjoyed the fresh food on the Edward Woods estate and 26 ready meals were enjoyed by elderly local residents. Andy Sharpe Chief Executive of UPG says "Our food distribution team worked tirelessly to get the fresh food and ready meals out on time. It is making a big difference and keeping us connected with our local community."

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