

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, Christmas is fast approaching and it is a time to give and receive and think of others less fortunate than ourselves. At Cloudside, we understand that there are families who would like to help the local community. Therefore, we have decided to support the Long Eaton Salvation Army's 'Be a Star appeal'.

The 'Be a Star appeal' believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so they are unable to take used or second-hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal. The presents do not need to be wrapped as the agencies they work with in the local area need to check what each child receives.

0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles.

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles.

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords.

9-12: games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats.

13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers.

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

The salvation army will be doing a collection of toys and the parent forum have kindly offered to deliver our contributions by Friday 5th December 2025.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask Mr Young.

Mr Young and Parent Forum