



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...
...to be the best 'me' I can be.

21st November 2023

Dear Parents

The School Council and I have met this afternoon to discuss an email received from a child in Y4 to the School Council, regarding using Birches First School as a location to collect presents for 'The Big Toy Appeal' for the Salvation Army, helping families that are struggling at this time.

The School Council agreed that this was a good cause and would help boys and girls across the country to receive a present. We discussed that it would have implications, to ask the school community to buy an additional present and donate to the appeal **ONLY** if they can afford to and families are not obligated to do so as the cost of living for all families has increased significantly.

If you do wish to take part, presents are to be brought into school up until **Friday 15th December** with a clear label indicating the gender and age of the recipient i.e., Boy Aged 8. Please ensure the present is age appropriate and within the 0-18 years category.

The presents will then be taken by the Y4 pupil and their parents to the drop off site to distributed.



Many thanks in advance for your generosity and kindness.

Miss Varricchione and The School Council