



12th November, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

'Inclusivity: Together we create a stronger community'

At The Beech Academy we are united in our values of ambition, integrity, inclusivity, endeavour and resilience. These values are firmly embedded on a day to day basis and embraced by leaders, teachers, staff and students. As part of our British Values, all students learn about different cultures and religions through SMSC drop down sessions, promoting tolerance and mutual respect for all.

2019 has thrown many challenges at those seeking asylum and safety in the U.K, which sadly places heavy burdens on the shoulders of very young lives. Children should be allowed to be just that, and creating happy and care free memories is more vital now than ever. As a Volunteer for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum, I am supporting the Children and Families Project to provide shoes boxes of gifts to local refugee children this Christmas.

Last year 90 children received these boxes. Seeing the smiles and excitement on the faces of the kids, really showed what a difference this gesture can make. It would not have been possible without the incredibly kind and generous donations received. This year the project has over 120 children on their registers. They are striving to once again get a gift to everyone.

As a School we can show our support by collecting items and creating boxes for each child. Please kindly donate any unwanted items from the list below:

- Empty shoe boxes with lids.
- Unwanted wrapping paper.
- New, small items e.g. books, puzzles, toys, halal sweets/chocolate and scarves and socks. These should fit in a shoe box and the lid should be able to close.

Ages range from 0-15 years. The deadline for the completion of these boxes is **Monday 16th December**. A representative will be coming to speak to our students about the work of the NNRF and we will present them with these boxes.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Yours Faithfully

Miss Masud
SEN Teacher