## Calderdale Community Christmas Appeal 2024

Students from Calderdale College in conjunction with Rotarians in Calderdale have now launched this year's appeal.

Your school has elected to participate in this wonderful community activity that we know will put a smile on so many faces at Christmas time. So, we say straight away, thank you.

We are all fully aware that times are difficult for many in our community and the expectations for some in the run up to Christmas will be bleak. Schools, parents and children can and are therefore helping! Over the last 12 years Rotary has identified many charities, individuals and good causes in Calderdale who will be the end recipients of a Christmas present. Last year over 1,700 presents were handed out. Over 50% went to children throughout our community from Brighouse to Todmorden.

Gifts and presents returned to school will be distributed during the three weeks leading up to Christmas, to the needier in Calderdale. Those who are given a gift will range from the very young to the older in our community.

We are looking for presents and gifts from newborn babies up to boys & girls aged 12. From that age we give toiletry type items but gloves and scarves etc are also welcome. If you wish you may wrap the present but in that case, please ensure you have identified by attaching a note the sex and age of the child. For toiletry items please don't wrap.

With regard to the timescale for returning gifts to school you will be guided and advised by your school's admin, perhaps included within this communication. We shall however begin sorting at 'Santa's Grotto' from w/c 25<sup>th</sup> November.

We thank you very much in anticipation of your support.