



TBT/JJA

05 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS

Compassion is central to our ethos here at The Gateway Academy. As part of our commitment to supporting our community, we continue to raise awareness of the challenges faced by vulnerable individuals, including those experiencing homelessness.

In previous years, our students and families have generously donated gifts that were distributed to people in need across Thurrock. This year, local shelters and the national charity Shelter have asked specifically for financial contributions. In response, we are focusing our efforts on raising funds to support the essential services they provide.

To assist with this, our Student Leaders will be selling festive gifts—a candy cane and / or a Christmas bear accompanied by a personalised message. These will be delivered to students in their classes on 19 December for a donation of £2.00 each.

If you would like to purchase a gift for your child, please complete the form below. Payments can be made via ParentPay. Students may also buy gifts directly from Student Services.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWGLE9kaEBOXF_GFXskgZ74AsPqt-bTRDy8cWg_3d46PEIHw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

We hope to bring a little joy to our school community this Christmas while offering meaningful support to those who need it most.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T Bryant
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL