



Eden Boys

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Assalamu Alaikum – Peace be with you

## Festive Winter Gift Programme December 2019

Pupils from Eden Boys' Leadership Academy Birmingham East are spreading festive cheer throughout their community by supporting local people this winter through its Festive Winter Gift Programme.

At Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, we pride ourselves on making a positive difference to society. We are committed to playing an active role in our community and helping others. As the festive season approaches, we are stepping up our efforts to support the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Our annual Festive Winter Gift Programme will touch the lives of many local people this winter. We would like everyone in our communities to receive a sprinkling of festive goodwill – be it a gift, a visit or a festive meal.

Throughout the campaign, we will focus on supporting those in our communities – young and old – who are unwell, elderly or living in care, and those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or food poverty. As well as benefitting vulnerable people, our pupils will also gain from their involvement by experiencing first-hand the positive impact of helping those less fortunate.

Our pupils have been taking part in fundraising activities, donating gifts to people in need of support and giving their time volunteering to demonstrate their contributions to the wider community through charitable actions.

We have worked closely with St Basil's Trust, Aston Foodbank, Remembering Srebrenica and raised hundreds of pounds for various causes during the month of Ramadan.

*Our faith teaches us "No one has ever become poorer by giving" and "that the upper hand (giving hand) is better than the lower hand (receiving hand)".*

Through the Festive Winter Gift Programme, all 28 schools operated by Star Academies, aim to offer support to the most vulnerable people – young and old – in their communities, those who are unwell, elderly, living in care, those who experience loneliness or food poverty. The Trust's aim is to ensure that no one in the communities around its schools goes without a card or a gift at this festive time of year.

Overleaf you can learn about the projects our school will be championing over the next two weeks and how we can get our boys involved.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Asiyah Ravat  
Executive Principal





## Whole school drive, *everyone can help and donate*

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust Foodbanks provide a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK and specifically in Birmingham. Over 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK. Unfortunately during the Christmas period the need becomes greater due to public holidays and closures.

Foodbanks feed some 1,200,000 people nationwide. Of those helped, approximately 500,000 are children. At Eden Boys' Leadership Academy we can do something to help. If every student in the school brings in just one item, we will be able to donate more than 300 items to the Trussell Trust's Foodbank in Birmingham. Tins and packets are the best items to donate. Please see the list below for ideas about what to donate.

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Rice pudding (tinned)
Sugar (500g)	Tea Bags/instant coffee
Fruit juice (carton)	Instant mash potato
Soup	Rice/pasta
Pasta sauces	Tinned meat/fish
Sponge pudding (tinned)	Tinned fruit
Tinned Tomatoes & Baked Beans	Jam
Cereals	Biscuits or snack bars

We will be collecting items as above from Thursday 5th December 2019 until Thursday 19th December 2019. Please bring your donations to your Learning Coordinator or to the pastoral office. Please give as generously as you can.

We can make a real difference and be a force for good by working together to help other people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Yours sincerely

Moulana Nasir Zameer Akhtar  
Faith & Character Education Lead

Part of developing and nurturing of our children is to teach them through our actions. This was the method in which all the Prophets' of God imparted their knowledge and way of living to their followers. This was the method in which all righteous people showed to the world what good character looked like and the peace it brings to those around you. This winter holidays, let's collectively show our children how our faith inspires us to help those around us. Unfortunately, many people at this time of year suffer in loneliness and are unremembered. All the projects planned below will be overseen and delivered by our pupils. The Prophet of Islam taught us "Give each other gifts, you will love each other". If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself (Moulana Nasir) or a member of the pastoral team.



## YEAR 9, Sheets not streets

Our Year 9 pupils will be donating items to help end youth homelessness here at home in Birmingham. St Basils is a national charity that helps enables young people to find and keep a home, develop their skills, grow their confidence, increase opportunities and prevent homelessness. Items (new only) you can donate are:

Bed pillows	Single / Double Duvet	Bedsheets / sets	Towels
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## YEAR 8, Elderly Gift Hamper

Our Year 8 pupils will be donating items to fill one large gift hamper. This hamper will then be donated to one of our elderly homes nearby. A list of items you may wish to donate are listed below. All items must be new

Biscuit box	Warm slippers and socks	Chocolates
Quality dates & dried fruit	Quality Hand cream sets	Perfume and soaps
Lip balm	Hand / Face towels	Quality Jam and Honey



Our Year 7 pupils will be donating items that we can gift to children and families affected by illness at our two amazing hospitals that serve the children of our city and country. As a gesture of gratitude to the staff and as gift of love to those affected by illness please donate a remunerable gift. A list of items you may wish to donate are listed below.

Reading books	Colouring books	Colouring pencils	Small toy / teddy
Small jigsaw / or puzzle	Small drawing board	Little cars & trains	Baby toys