Dear parents and carers,

During the festive period the Neighbourhood Management & Volunteering Team coordinate a Christmas collection of donations for those who are in greatest need in Gateshead.  These donations are wrapped as presents and given to Gateshead residents to open on Christmas day.  This means that as many people as possible receive gifts for Christmas when they normally wouldn’t.

For information on last year’s appeal when 450 gifts were collated please see the [photographs](https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/10500).  The people most in need include; teenagers leaving care, homelessness, families needing support, and vulnerable adults amongst many more.

The type of items that are needed this year include:

* Christmas wrapping paper materials
* Empty shoe boxes
* Small children’s toys
* Baby wipes
* Hats, scarfs and gloves
* Toiletries & hygiene products
* Hair bobbles & hair brushes
* Chocolates, sweets and other goodies
* Anything else that you would like to donate as a gift.

Rowlands Gill Primary School is acting as a drop off point for the appeal. The boxes don’t need to be made up, they will take any donations including empty shoeboxes or just one item from the list.

If you would like to donate, please bring the items into school on Wednesday 4th December only and they will be collected the next day. We will not be able to store items in school as we are holding our Christmas Fair on Friday 6th.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs L Clarke

Headteacher