



#### Helsby High School Christmas Hamper Collection

Starts 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022

Last donation by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022



20/10/22

Dear parents and carers,

‘That time’ of the year is fast approaching and the community team here at Helsby High School are starting to think about our Christmas plans. One of our dearest traditions at Helsby High is creating Christmas hampers for our elderly community members and also for those families in need within our community. We could not do this without the kind donations from our parents and carers.

With the challenges many have faced in the past three years and are continuing to face this year, the need for care and support in our community has never been more important, but we are mindful that we are all being influenced by the rising cost of living.

With this in mind, we tentatively ask for donations to this year’s Christmas Hamper Appeal. Where able, we would like students to bring edible but not perishable items to include in their form Christmas hamper. Form teachers will collect the items from the students and help them decorate their boxes to add the items to. We will be collecting from the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the final date for donations will be 22<sup>nd</sup> November This will enable the Friends of Helsby High School to deliver our hampers to the houses of our elderly community members and to work with the charities who help us get our hampers to families in need in our area.

We ask that parents/carers and students think carefully about what our community members may like to receive in order to have a festive Christmas but that may also help them with the day to day living around Christmas, such as tea or coffee, soup or long lasting cakes. We do ask that no alcohol is brought into school and that any items have enough use by dates on them to last until at least a week after Christmas.

If you are able to donate we are very grateful, your donation will help us send some Christmas cheer to important members of our community.

Kind regards

Mrs V Cross – Assistant Headteacher, Community Lead

#### **Ideas for hamper donations:**

- Biscuits
- Long lasting Cakes
- Soups
- Crackers
- Tins of food
- Hot Chocolate
- Christmas puddings
- Mince pies
- Chutneys
- Cranberry sauce
- Packet sauces (bread sauce etc...)