



Operation Secret Santa - Toy Donations

Some Guidance

Dear Secret Santa!

Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Appeal and for choosing to pass on a toy to children that will so appreciate having something to open this Christmas.

Clearly all children love toys and we'll find a home for any donation, however the toys do need to be new or nearly new (still in packaging / with labels etc) as we need to adhere to the age and safety guidelines when gifting them.

Happy Days Children's Charity supports a huge number of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) so if you'd like to purchase a toy with SEND in mind, here are a few thoughts which might help:

- Because of their learning challenges, SEN children don't always respond to books, puzzles or toys that children in mainstream schools would.
- BUT they do respond very well to toys with a sensory element!

For example: Light up/ flashing/ vibrating toys, toys with textured surfaces such as fluffy bears etc

- Ignore the upper suggested age range which would normally be shown on a toy (e.g. this is suitable for children up to the age of 7) Sensory toys will suit a wide range of ages of children we work with.

You can also purchase a toys directly from Amazon etc and have them sent directly to our office – please do let us know beforehand though so we can ensure someone will be here to accept the delivery!

If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to give Rob or Nicky a call on 01462 530710 or email nicola@happydayscharity.org

Thanks again for your support and Happy Christmas!

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