

ROCHDALE CHILDER ANNUAL AWARD



Rochdale Childer was founded in 1969 by its President Sir Cyril Smith MBE and is a non-political, non-secretarian and multi-ethnic charity. Its purpose is to provide help and assistance for any Rochdale child in need. Shoes and clothing, bedding, toys at Christmas, assistance towards the cost of special lessons for talented pupils are just a few of the things that are provided by the voluntary committee. Much of the work of Rochdale Childer must remain unpublicised due to the sensitive nature of some of the individual needs.

A Rochdale Childer trophy is available to each school in the borough and is financed by private businesses that each sponsor one of the schools. The trophy is awarded annually to the most deserving pupil in the school – this is not necessarily due to a child's academic or sporting abilities, more often than not, it is for being helpful or polite or coping well in difficult circumstances.

Rochdale Exchange sponsors the Holy Family RC primary school and a representative attends the annual award ceremony held at the school. Whoever wins the award is invited to spend an afternoon at the Rochdale Exchange and take a look behind the scenes.

Photograph shows Margaret Cigna presenting the award to this year's winner, Ben Parkinson who was rewarded for his consistently positive attitude and considerate nature.