

St. Edward's Church of England Academy



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Operation Christmas Child Project

As part of our preparation for Christmas and in line with our Academy RESPECT ethos and values we are collecting and creating shoe boxes full of gifts as part of the Operation Christmas Child project.

Over the next few weeks during House time, pupils are requested to bring in items to put in a box to be sent to a child who may not receive presents or gifts this year.

Each House Group is going to be challenged to produce at least 2 shoe boxes, one for a girl and one for a boy, but if pupils wish to complete their own shoe box then this is also fine. If a child would not like to bring in a gift for the box but would like to contribute £1 towards the postage for the box, this is also acceptable.

Guidance on this project, how to pack a box and what is acceptable in terms of contents can all be found at the link below and there is also a link on the Academy website.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

A list of Gift Suggestions and what not to include is attached to this letter.

The final day for the collation of these boxes is the 16th November as they will be sent off to the depot for distribution the next day.

I hope that you feel able to support the Academy and support this worthwhile charity.

Yours sincerely

Mr. T Hutchinson

Gift Suggestions



Toys

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.



School Supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



Hygiene Items

Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.



Other Items:

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).



Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

