

5 simple steps to packing your shoebox



1. Please decorate your box if you would like to, please note that we are suggesting that boxes are not wrapped in Christmas paper this year, to be more environmentally friendly.
2. Complete the packing label below and attach it to the lid
3. Fill your box with gifts - see packing list suggestions
4. If you wish to make a donation towards transport costs, please put £2 in an envelope and place this in the box. Thank you!
5. Close the box and put a rubber band around it to keep the contents together

You're good to go - and ready to raise a smile! Just take your box to your collection point, from where your boxes will be collected. Check the website for details

www.stjohnscolchester.org.uk/shoeboxes



Packing Label

Please tick (very important)

Boy	
Girl	
Either	



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AGE 2-3		AGE 4-6		AGE 7-10		AGE 11-14	
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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR BOX IS RETURNED BY 12th NOVEMBER!

500 Smiles - Packing List Suggestions

2023 UPDATE - PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE LIQUIDS OR FOODS (CHOCOLATE, SWEETS, CRISPS etc), ANY ITEMS OF CUTLERY, ENGLISH LANGUAGE READING BOOKS OR TOY WEAPONS - THESE CANNOT BE SENT!

Suggestions for inclusion:

Toys and games	Stationery Equipment	Clothing and personal care
Toy cars etc Plastic toys and figures Small doll or stuffed toy (with CE label) Skipping rope Ball (small or deflated with pump) Musical instrument Puzzle	Pens and pencils Crayons Water colour paints Sharpeners and erasers Note books Colouring books Solar calculator	Toothbrush and small toothpaste Comb, hair brush Wrapped soap Flannel Hair clips, bows etc Sunglasses (with UV / CE mark) Hat, gloves, scarf Baseball cap Reusable plastic containers eg plate, bowl, cup, water bottle
You may personalise your box with a photo of your family or a Christmas card		

Some ideas for different age groups:

Age 2-3 Playdough and plastic cutters, plastic building blocks, finger puppets, stickers, glue sticks, pre-inked stampers

Age 4-6 Stickers, glue sticks, dressing up items e.g. costume jewellery / crown, plastic tools, chalkboard and chalks, small bag / purse, hair bows

Age 7-10 Ruler, bag or purse, hair bows and clips, small backpack or handbag, colourful balls of twine, beads, loom bands

Age 11-14 Adhesive tape, geometry set, wind up or solar powered torch, safety (blunt) scissors, sewing set, non-liquid lip balm, deodorant, compact mirror, nail clippers, magnets, compass

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Plastic toys and figures	Crayons	Comb, hair brush
Small doll or stuffed toy (with CE label)	Water colour paints	Wrapped soap
Skipping rope	Sharpeners and erasers	Flannel
Ball (small or deflated with pump)	Note books	Hair clips, bows etc
Musical instrument	Colouring books	Sunglasses (with UV / CE mark)
Puzzle	Solar calculator	Hat, gloves, scarf
		Baseball cap
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