

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

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Advice on filling your shoebox

Child ~ For young children

PLEASE NOTE: Boxes for children aged 0 to 3 years must only contain NEW items.

All boxes in this category will be opened and the contents checked to ensure that we comply with customs requirements in each of the countries to which we send your gifts. Failure to comply can result in fines being imposed on the charity or goods being destroyed.

Boxes for children aged 4 and over can include pre-loved toys, but they must be in “as new” condition.

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws
colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble,
blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case,
pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough /
plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers,
writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens /
gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football
memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing
cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on
deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery,
make-up, hair brush, toiletries, clothing repair
kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap,
toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors,
shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic
cream, bandages, face or body creams,
cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes,
T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

All items with a ‘Use By Date’ should have at least 6 months left.

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN ANY BOX

**Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind
(They are against Customs regulations at country borders)**

Battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids,
inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material,
automatic washing machine powders

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.
Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a CHILD box



- It is important to indicate on the box lid, who the box is for.
- The contents are of good quality.
- The box should be completely filled.
- Remember that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.
- Do not sellotape the lid down

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