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Dear Parent/Carer,

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 shoeboxes full of gifts as part of the Operation Christmas Child project.

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

Each tutor group is going to be challenged to produce at least two shoeboxes during tutor time, one for a girl and one for a boy, but if pupils wish to complete their own shoebox then this is also fine. If a pupil would prefer to contribute £1 towards the postage for the shoebox rather than bringing in a gift, this is also acceptable.

Guidance on this project, how to pack a shoebox and what is acceptable in terms of contents can all be found by following the link below:

<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. Please note that there are some changes from last year to the items that are able to be included in the shoeboxes.

The final day for the collation of these shoeboxes is Friday 8th November as they will be sent to the depot for distribution during the following week.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Hutchinson
Principal

Gift Suggestions

Toys

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonicas, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, 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

Toothbrushes, bars of wrapped soap, combs or hairbrushes, flannels. **Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.**



Other Items

Hats, caps, gloves or scarves, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery sets, wind up torches, slinky springs, matchbox cars, etc. **Due to more stringent import regulations, sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes.**

Do Not Include

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

