



Support the International Aid Shoe Box Appeal

(Deadline Monday 27th November 2023)

The shoebox appeal brings joy and hope each year to many thousands of people of all ages. These gifts have brought smiles to children and adults living in poverty in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and even the UK.

SO, WHO WILL YOU SEND A SMILE TO?

Ready to get started? Here's what you need to do to prepare your shoebox:

1. **Gift wrap the box** and lid separately so the lid can be lifted off, please don't wrap individual items, use an elastic band to keep the box together
2. **Choose the age and gender** of the person you want to receive your shoebox and fill the box with suitable items. Shoeboxes are sent to all ages from babies to elderly people.
3. **Label the box** with who it is for e.g: Girl aged 3- 5 years, Boy aged 9-11 years, Adult Female aged 60+ years. You can write your own label or print our **shoebox leaflet** and use the label included.

Ideas for what to include:

- **Stationery / school supplies:**
Pens, pencils, crayons, eraser, sharpener, notebooks, colouring books, maths set, *if sending scissors to children, please ensure they are round ended safety type.*
- **Toiletries:**
Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel or sponge, comb, hair bobbles, roll on deodorant, *No sprays, medicines, vitamins, tablets.*
- **Toys:**
Small toys, cuddly toys, balls, skipping rope, games, small jigsaws etc. *No guns or war toys.*
- **Clothes:**
Socks, T-shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, underwear, Babygro for little ones.
- **Practical Items:**
Plastic bowl, cup, cutlery.
For teens and adults: a small sewing kit, string, safety pins, a wind up torch or plasters. *No matches.*
- **Greetings:**
You could send a card with a cheerful picture or encouraging message, *please don't include your personal contact details.*
- **Sweets:**
Please make sure sweets have a long use-by date, *no chocolates.*

The deadline to drop off a box at Brabin's School is Monday 27th November 2023.

We cannot deliver boxes after this date. It costs £2 to collect, store, transport and distribute each shoebox. Please give the office £2 when you drop off the box.