



## Rotary Shoebox Scheme

*"Spreading a Little Happiness"*

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The Rotary Club of Boston St Botolph is delighted that Boston West Academy has joined the Shoebox Project for 2023. We are therefore inviting children and families to take a shoebox home, to fill and return it, spreading a little happiness to those in need. What you put in the box is your choice but it must be non-perishable and of reasonable quality for babies, young children and teenagers, families or the elderly. More guidance is attached.

The project is managed entirely voluntarily by Rotarians who will transport and deliver the boxes to schools, care homes and individual families. Every box will find a home. A £2 per box donation is required for the cost of transport (attach this to the box).

Boxes may be taken home for filling from tomorrow (Wednesday 18th October) and should be returned no later than Friday 3rd November. This means you have half term to create your shoebox. They will then be collected ready for their long journey.

If you would like your family to join the Shoebox Project please ask your child to tell their teacher who will give them a box or collect a box in-person from the school office yourself.

Thank you for your support.



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## Suggestions for filling your shoebox

### Child / Toys ~ For young children

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

### 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...

### 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, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

### Baby ~ Age up to 12months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

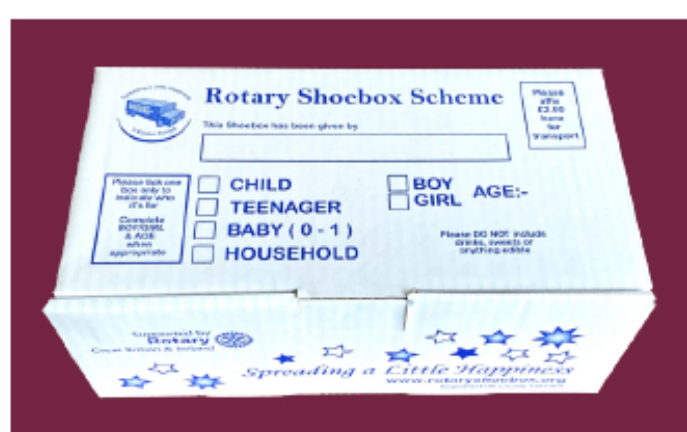
### What NOT to include in boxes

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, 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

### For safety -

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

The type of contents are indicated on the box top.



In the case of child & teenagers, additional information as to the suitability for boy or girl, along with age group is also indicated. A card with the sender's name and a photograph is also a nice thing to include.

Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering 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.

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