



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we will be participating in Link to Hope's shoebox appeal. Link to Hope is a cause providing poor families in Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine) who are living in terribly hard situations and conditions with a shoe box filled with gifts.

The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive. A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. A scarf or a tape measure for the parents, toys and games for the children as well as stationery and coloured pens. Also toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo and soap to keep everyone clean and free from the germs that make them ill. And of course sweets and chocolates for everyone – a family favourite.

This year, each class and tutor group will receive a shoe box, kindly donated by Clark's to fill with the required items (see attached list).

If you would like to further make a box as a family, students will receive extra points and positives for their dedication and hard work. Please remember to include £3 to cover the cost of sending your box overseas.

Due to the transport needed to send these boxes far and wide, please bring your box into the school office Monday 30th October to allow for the boxes to reach the depo in time for shipping out.

We really hope this will be a fantastic opportunity for the school community

Miss Board  
Head of Chesil House

Miss Frampton  
Head of Chesil House (Primary)

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## CONTENTS LIST

1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (88 June 2024 EU Origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> Candles or Tealights & Holders*
<input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominos/Playing Cards)

\*Holder is for safety and stability

2. Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox.



### FAMILY

<input type="checkbox"/> Colouring Pads (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Glasses/Magnifier (max +2 strength)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure/DIY Tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Pen and Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks/Tights (NEW)
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar-Powered Calculator	<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Up Radio/forch
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairbrush/Comb	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors/Nail Clippers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors
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OR



### ELDERLY (UNISEX)

<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Glasses/Magnifier (max +2 strength)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/> Pen and Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks/Tights (NEW)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Up Radio/forch
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors/Nail Clippers
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts .....
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For other gift ideas go to [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)

PLEASE TRY TO REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Get an average-sized, strong, adult shoebox (around 18 x 10 x 30cm - **NOT BOOT BOXES OR OVERSIZED SHOEBOXES**).
2. Gather the items listed in the **Blue Box** plus **5 or more** items from the **Red Box** for a Family Shoebox or **5 or more** of the items from the **Purple Box** for a Unisex Elderly Shoebox. This means that there should be **lots of different items** in every shoebox.
3. Make sure you **tick the items on the Contents List opposite**, as well as whether it is a Family or Unisex Elderly Shoebox.

**PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PUT IN ANY FOOD (INC. BISCUITS), MEDICINES, BOOKS, TEA/COFFEE OR OUT OF DATE ITEMS, NO SANITARY ITEMS OR UNDERWEAR AS WE HAVE TO FOLLOW STRICT CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.**

4. **Tape the lid** to the box to keep it secure and then **wrap the box** in colourful paper (not glittery paper as it is not easily recycled).
5. **Tape your completed Contents List** to the shoebox along the 3 sides marked in yellow.
6. Fold over the leaflet, and if you pay tax please complete and sign the Gift Aid Form overleaf.
7. **Finally pay online at [www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-donation/](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-donation/).** Alternatively turn over this leaflet and attach £3 (either 3 x £1 coins or a £2 and a £1 coin). **ATTACH MONEY TO OUTSIDE OF BOX – NOT INSIDE.** Then tape along the 2 marked yellow top and bottom strips to secure it to the box.
8. See [www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/#gettingboxstous](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/#gettingboxstous) for the ways to get your box(es) to us.

**OR** if you prefer to donate any amount towards the Shoebox Appeal so we can buy items in bulk on your behalf, then please see [www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-donation/](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-donation/) - **Don't forget the Gift Aid!**

