

# WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR SANTA SHOEBOX

All items must be new, unused and age-appropriate

## HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of wrapped soap and a wash cloth are required items. Feel free to add a hairbrush, comb, body lotion, roll-on or spray deo, talcum powder or sanitary towels.

## TOYS

A soft ball, tennis ball, finger puppet, yo-yo, building blocks, trucks and cars, dolls, dress-up clothes. Older kids/teens love board games, cards, marbles, tool kits, science kits and mini torches.

## EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES

Felt tips, pen and pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, pencilcase, stickers (see our suggested stationery list)

## OUTFIT OF CLOTHING

A t-shirt and shorts, blouse and skirt or leggings, or a dress. Please consider including underwear.

## SWEETS

Sweets, chips or a packet of biscuits. Chocolates must be placed in a ziplock bag.

## BABY BOX

Barrier cream, talcum powder, baby soap, an outfit of clothing, bath towel, baby blanket, soft toy or rattle.

## TEENAGE BOX

All 8 required items plus something cool e.g. cap, sunglasses, toiletries, nail polish, make-up, deodorant (the teens love spray-on).

## TOP TIP

Please DO NOT wrap your shoebox closed as it is checked for child safety at Drop Off. Nothing is ever removed from a Shoebox unless it is not compliant.

# SUGGESTED STATIONERY BY AGE & GRADE

This is a suggested list of stationery items and educational supplies by age and grade

## GRADE R & GRADE 1 (age 4-6)

Plastic apron, plastic pencils, triangular pencils, 24/48 piece puzzle, pencil crayons, wax crayons, blunt nose scissors, coloured paper, glue sticks, white craft glue, lunch box, water bottle, denim chair bag, blank page exercise book, a miniature whiteboard with an erasable pen or a blackboard with chalk. For Grade 1's in particular - 100 piece puzzle, HB pencils, pencil bag, metal sharpener.

## GRADE 2 (age 7-8)

Denim chair bag, glue sticks, HB pencils, khokis, metal sharpeners, large pencil bags, pencil crayons, plastic sleeves, ruler, blunt nose scissors, eraser, water bottle, lunch box.

## GRADE 3 (age 8-9)

South African Oxford School Dictionary, oil pastels (in a ziplock bag), glue sticks, coloured card stock, HB pencils, khokis, metal sharpeners, large pencil bags, pencil crayons, plastic sleeves, ruler, scissors, eraser, water bottle, lunch box.

## GRADE 4 (age 9-10)

Same as Grade 3 as well as a calculator.

## GRADE 5 (age 10-11)

Same as Grade 4 plus blue ball point pens and highlighters.

## GRADE 6 & 7 (age 11-13)

Same as Grade 5 as well as a geometry set, colourful book covers and a homework diary.

## GRADE 8 - 12 (age 13-18)

Same as Grade 7 as well as a scientific calculator.

## TOP TIP

Set the child up for their next year of school.

# WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR SANTA SHOEBOX

Please DO NOT include any of the items listed below in your shoebox

## FOOD

Tinned or perishable food. Avoid items containing nuts. Place chocolate in a ziplock bag to prevent it from possibly melting onto the other contents of the Santa Shoebox.

**MEDICINE:** Medicine or vitamins of any kind.

**WAR RELATED ITEMS:** Toy guns or knives.

**FRAGILE ITEMS:** Glass containers or mirrors.

## LIQUIDS:

All liquids. like cosmetics or blow bubbles, must be put into a ziplock plastic bag.

## DANGEROUS ITEMS:

Sharp objects in boxes for younger children.

## ELECTRONICS:

Please include batteries with battery operated toys or choose a non-battery operated alternative (preferred). Cellphones with chargers are allowed.

## LASTLY:

Please do not include anything of a political, religious or racial nature.

## TOP TIP:

Assess whether the contents of your shoebox are appropriate to the age of the recipient child. Would you give the items to a child in your care?

