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## The Backpack Project

### *MPAC Christmas Appeal*



Dear Parents & Carers,

As an alternative to the shoe box appeal, our Academy Council (MPAC!) have decided to run the Mary's Meals Backpack project as this year's Christmas appeal. Our council members discussed a variety of different charities and felt that Mary's Meals was the most appropriate to our academy, as it helps change children's lives by giving them access to an education. This is a really worthy cause and we hope that parents and families will help the appeal to be a success.

For those that have not heard of Mary's Meals, it is a charity that helps children from third world countries like Malawi and Liberia be able to go to school. The charity provides a daily lunch, which in turn encourages families to send their children to school, so they gain an education to try and break the poverty cycle. However, the children also need clothing, shoes, toiletries and stationery to be able to attend and fully benefit from their education. Our members agreed that these are all things that we take for granted.

The list of items needed for a backpack is on the reverse of this letter, so please look out for these at home (anything to help clear out the cupboards and recycle at the same time!) or on your weekly shop, if you wish to donate bought items. Please don't feel you have to spend a lot (or any) money; the majority of needed items can be second hand and value brands of toiletries etc are gratefully received.

If you don't have the time to put a backpack together or donate items, but wish to support the appeal, then a cash donation is useful for us to buy any items we are short of. Complete backpacks, with a label stating the age and gender of the child the clothes fit, are ideal but please don't be deterred from donating a partly filled pack or just one item (especially pairs of flip flops!). Further information can be found at [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)

Backpacks (including closable bags with straps), spare items and any money donated will be collected by Class Teachers in the run up to Christmas, with a deadline of **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** please!

We would like to thank you in advance for your help with this worthwhile appeal!

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Griffiths & MPAC*

*The Academy Council Team*





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We are collecting a backpack for a boy or girl filled with:



Pencil case	Pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, erasers and any other stationery	Notepad
Small ball or toy	Spoon	Towel
Clothing (top and bottoms) for ages 4-12	Sandals or flip flops.	Toothbrush, toothpaste and bars of soap (not liquid!)

We have a final deadline of Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, but please bring all backpack donations into school as soon as you can! Imagine the difference we could make to these children's lives!

To find out more or look at pictures with your children at home go to [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)!