

THE RED HEN PROJECT

The Red Hen Project supports our community to raise happy, healthy and independent children – working directly with families, promoting positive, confident parenting and cooperative relationships between schools and families

All families feel stress and pressure to provide a 'perfect' Christmas for their children. For families experiencing challenges with finances, this worry is ten-fold.

We plan our support carefully to give children some joy at Christmas and, crucially, prevent families facing difficulties from falling into a crisis. We deliver gifts earlier than you may expect - by 6 December.

If you need ideas for the types of items to gift, the following should help.

Please note, all presents must be new - we cannot give second-hand toys as presents.

Family Games:

Snakes & Ladders
Connect 4
Guess Who?
Dobble / Yahtzee
Pictionary
Jenga / Frustration
Chess/draughts
Pop up pirate
Bingo / Ludo
The Floor is Lava
Fill your pants
The Sock Game
Bananagrams
Junior monopoly
Charades

Arts & Crafts:

Sand Art Sets / Gem Art Sets
Felt Tips / Pencils / Crayons
Colouring/activity books (all ages)
Stickers / Sticker books
Playdough pots and cutters
Modeling clay/plasticine
Craft packs / boxes
Jewellery making kits
Crystal art
Aqua beads
Bath bomb kits
Rock painting
Sketch pads and art pencils

Books: all ages and types, fiction & non-fiction

Transport: Cars/Trucks/Planes/Trains/Fire engines

Construction Toys: Lego/Duplo/ Mechano/Stickle Bricks/Knex

Figures: Animals/Dinosaurs/Superheros/Playmobile

Dolls: Barbie/Sindy/LOL/princesses/baby dolls (hard-bodied)

Small soft toys: for babies/toddlers

Jigsaws: Selection of ages/ no. of pieces

Puzzles/Games: any made by Orchard or similar

Card Games: Playing cards/ Uno / What

Sport equipment: Footballs/Basketballs/Tennis balls/Softball rackets

Science Toys: e.g. chemistry/volcanos/robots/magnets

Items for older siblings:

Smellies for teenagers – e.g. lynx sets
Mindfulness Colouring Books and gel pens
Journals / Notebooks / Diaries / Stationary
Socks / Gloves

Sensory Toys:

Squish balls
Fidget toys e.g. spinners / poppers
Stretchy things / cubes
Liquid motion timer
Solar fairy lights

Any toys with characters from children's TV, e.g. Peppa Pig, Harry Potter, Disney, Superhero's (Marvel, DC etc)

If you can, please consider supporting our work with a donation to fund our crucial work year-round to tackle the root causes of issues in families experiencing challenges at www.redhenproject.org/donate

You can also deliver any new, unwrapped gifts and wrapping paper donations to us at the Allia Future Business Centre, Kings Hedges Road, Cambridge, CB4 2HY until Friday 2nd December 22