

Bags of Education

TEACHERS GUIDE



Bags of Education is a fantastic way to support children within poor communities in Eastern Europe, access a school and begin to gain an education for themselves. Giving a bag full of educational materials reaches out to children and families living in abject poverty the best chance of success through education.

Bags of Education offers practical support to children in Eastern Europe and raises awareness of the challenges they face. It's a great way to get the whole school community involved!

STEP ONE

Get in touch with the Bags of Education team at info@doorofhope.co.uk or **01903 529333** and we will provide advice, posters, leaflets or short video to help get you started.

STEP TWO

Choose your Bags of Education start and finish dates. The project works particularly well at the start of a new year and leading up to term times but you can pick dates that suits you. We recommend running your school campaign for around three weeks.

STEP THREE

Tell the children. Classes get very enthusiastic and pupils and parents are often keen to help. Should you wish, we can also send a volunteer speaker to your school to help launch the project (***this does depend on where your school is based***)

STEP FOUR

Tell everyone! Email parents, post on social media and your school website, hold an assembly and distribute leaflets to let everyone know about the Bags of Education project.

STEP FIVE

Start collecting. Some teachers focus on one item at a time. For example, the children are asked to bring in stationery one day, water bottles and toiletry items the next. Now you can order your 'Bags of Education' bags at www.doorofhope.co.uk/bags-of-education

STEP SIX

Now you can pack your bags, make sure each backpack weighs no more than 2kg and no more than 5 bags are packed into a cardboard box ready for collection. When you have done this go to: www.doorofhope/dispatch-form to book your collection or call us on **01903 529333**.

STEP SEVEN

We will give you an update on where your bags have gone and also a thank you card with images of the children with their Bags of Education.

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PLEASE REMEMBER:

- When asking parents and children for the backpacks contents, please insist that the items are **NOT** used but new items. This is really important with regards to: soap/flannel, toothbrushes/toothpaste and water bottle.
- Please flag any backpacks that have items missing. We will top them up with extras at our warehouse before sending out to Eastern Europe.
- If you have extra items, please send them to us in boxes labelled correctly, with the final Bags of Education collection.
- Please **DO NOT** be tempted to put in treats or extra gifts. It is important to only include items that are on the contents list. Every backpack is checked to make sure they have the same contents. This is important for customs reasons and to ensure the fairness during distribution to the children.
- The Bags of Education project is a fantastic learning opportunity for citizenship, inclusivity, geography, organisational skills, enterprise skills, group work and well-being. It is also a great way to bring your school community and members of the wider community together.

We are always happy to answer questions and to hear about your school's success. Please contact Door of Hope on: **01903 529333** alternatively info@doorofhope.co.uk

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