

WELCOME!

We're delighted you've joined our nationwide map of book-loving schools. This booklet tells you a little about what to expect and how to make the most of any books received.

ABOUT US

The Children's Book Project is a national charity that believes every child should have access to good quality, exciting and relevant books. We'd like every child to feel part of a wider reading community and to draw inspiration and pleasure from words and pictures.

We work with schools across the UK to match families whose children have grown out of their books with communities that have fewer books of their own. In turn, we invite practitioners in these settings to use these books in whichever way(s) will have greatest benefit to the children and young people they support.

YOUR SCHOOL IS ON THE MAP

Your school has been added to our national map of settings that would like to receive books for their community. Local families can click on your school icon to register and then bring the books to your reception during school hours. We strongly encourage you to brief front office staff so that anyone arriving to donate is welcomed by someone familiar with the initiative.

Families that bring books to your school may have travelled some way and / or may be passing on books that are important to them. If possible, try to ensure they are thanked.





BRIEF ALL STAFF

Tell your colleagues about the opportunity to receive donations of good quality books that can be used to augment the library offer, classroom corners or to put on book gifting events. Show them the website, the map and how to find your school. Encourage them to promote locally. Posters for us in the front office and staffroom will help to ensure staff remain aware of the school's involvement.



MAKE A PLAN FOR ANY DONATED BOOKS

Use the ideas on the following page and talk to colleagues to plan how books could be most useful for the school. Consider plans for 50+ books and for larger volume donations. You might want to store books as they are donated and do something with a larger volume once collected, or use them as they arrive.

Plan where you will store donated books and who can help sort through donations. Make time to weed out any unwanted books and consider where these will go.



LAUNCH TO PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

Use the school newsletter to share the initiative with parents and governors and encourage them to tell their networks. This alone will drive donations, though remember to stress the importance of good condition books.



INVITE WIDER SUPPORT

Approach local businesses, sports clubs and community groups and ask them to run a Book Drive on your behalf. We have lots of resources to help: invite them to sign up at <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/schools-community-groups/>



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We've gifted over one millions books to children across the Uk in the past five years. Following are some of the ways these books have been enjoyed and have found new homes with babies, children and young people in more than 450 settings. Contact us if you would like more info on any of these, and share with us any other ideas you have.



Open a
Book Hut &
encourage
book swaps



Plug gaps in
the library.
Or start one.



Pre-holiday
gifting packs

Reading
competitions,
awards and
prizes

Launch a
free
school
bookshop

Book Week
author focus

Summer fair
prizes:
choose a
book

Transition
gifts for
EYFS and
Year 6



WHAT NEXT?

We are continuing to raise awareness amongst families, groups and companies nationwide of the opportunity to donate their pre-loved books within their community. We will direct them to our national map and invite them to deliver their books to donation points close to home.

We are also inviting schools nationwide whose families have books at home to run book drives on our behalf, to pre-sort these and to donate them to a local school. If you know of a school that might be willing to do this, do tell them about us.

You can help drive more books to your school by raising awareness within your local community and by helping make the drop off process as simple as possible for donor families.

We will celebrate and share all your bookish activities, so remember to tag us in your social media posts or simply get in touch to tell us what you're up to.

Email anna@childrensbookproject.co.uk with any questions or with feedback on the impact that books have had in your school.

Children's Book Project ambassador and children's author Maz Evans is also excited to hear about your successes: "This is a scheme that runs entirely on kindness - and there is so much around. It is my privilege to work with The Children's Book Project to make sure every child can access the joy of books and reading."

