



Pick a Project

How it Works

Pick a Project was set up to spread kindness by bringing together those who want to help, with those in need of help.

Who can request help?

Pick a Project is currently in pilot phase and is only open to schools or other organisations who work with children (such as children's centres and women's refuges) in the UK.

Requests may be submitted by anyone at the school / organisation but we will request authorisation from a head teacher / manager before proceeding, so please make them aware you are submitting a request and ensure they are supportive of the application.

What can we request?

Essential items that will improve the well-being of some or all of the children in your school/organisation, which your school / organisation would otherwise struggle to provide for them (for example, school shoes, PE kit, basic sports equipment, books, toys and so forth).

You may also request help with things that will provide some enjoyment and respite for children who otherwise may not have access to such things, such as field trips.

I've submitted a request – what happens next?

1. We will aim to respond to your request within 7 days, requesting any further information we may need.
2. Once your request is approved, it will be listed on the 'Pick a Project' section of our website, and may also be shared on our social media pages.
3. If a school / organisation would like help with your request, we will connect you with the contact at that school / organisation so you can liaise directly. Although we don't get directly involved in the fundraising efforts or the logistics of goods or services being provided, please do keep us in the loop as we'd love to share what difference it makes to everyone involved.

Publicity / Social Media

Your request will be listed on our 'Pick a Project' page on our website and may also be shared. If you would prefer for your school/organisation's name not to be shown, we can keep it anonymous. However, it will be shared with any school / organisation who chooses to help you.

We also like to share stories of what we do on our social media pages. If you would prefer for your school / organisation's story not to be shared on social media, please let us know.

If you share any photos or videos with us, please only do so with permission from the relevant parties and with consideration to your school / organisations' safeguarding policies.

Terms of Participation

1. Participants' General Obligations

- a) Everyone involved in Pick a Project is trying to help spread kindness. Accordingly, when participating in Pick a Project, participants are reminded to be courteous and polite in any dealings with one another. This includes being courteous and polite in all communication as well as being punctual when collecting or delivering items.
- b) It is the participants' responsibility to ensure that the collection or delivery of items is carried out legally and safely.

2. When submitting a request, your school/organisation must ensure that:

- a) they genuinely need the items and do not intend to sell them or use them for any other purpose other than what is stated in the request.
- b) they are asking for an item that is needed (i.e. the item will have a significant positive impact on the children's well-being), and that they would otherwise struggle to fund by other means.
- c) they let us know as soon as they have received all they need, so the request can be removed. If for some reason they receive more than is needed, they will ensure the excess will be put to good use to help children in need.**

3. Safety, Dignity and Respect

- a) Everyone involved in Pick a Project should be treated with dignity and respect.
- b) All communications and logistics should be handled by staff members at the school / organisation – at no point should individual children or parents be involved in any communications or logistics.

- c) Items donated should be delivered to a school / organisation – never a private individual. The purpose of this is to protect the safety and dignity of both the recipient and the donor.

4. Communication

Good communication is essential for a donor / recipient relationship to work, ensuring everyone's expectations and needs are known up front. Once 52 Lives has connected you with a partner school / organisation, we kindly ask that you:

- a) Respond to each other's communication in a timely manner.
- b) Be clear about timescales / how the goods or services will be provided / who will cover any delivery costs / and any other expectations you may have.

5. Quality of goods/services

52 Lives is acting as a match-maker in this process, so we can't be responsible for the quality of any goods or services provided by a donating school / organisation.

However, we ask:

- a) If second hand goods are donated to fulfil a request, that they be of decent quality and in good condition.
- b) The recipient school / organisation should be made aware of any goods / services being delivered beforehand, to avoid unwanted deliveries of items not needed.

52 Lives is a registered charity 1166238. **52 Lives (us or we)** is the founder and administrator of Pick a Project. These terms and conditions apply if you wish to participate in Pick a Project. If you do not accept these terms and conditions, then we ask you to refrain from participating in the project.