

ELBA Toy Appeal 2022 – Guidelines and ideas



If you're purchasing a toy from a local retailer or coming to drop a toy off at our grotto, you can use the guidelines and ideas below to help you purchase a toy.

Guidelines:

- We ask for **new toys** between the **value of £10 and £15**.
- **Please ensure the presents are unwrapped.** This is so community organisations can choose which children the gifts are most suited to.
- Toys should have **the Lion Mark CE** to show they are child friendly and safe for use.
- **No toys that require batteries.** It's ok if the toy comes with batteries included.
- **No war toys or toys that portray fighting such as tanks, soldiers and guns.** Some children may be asylum seekers fleeing war. Star Wars and superheroes are fine.
- **No iTunes/Google Play vouchers.** Most children that benefit from the Toy Appeal won't have access to an account. Cinema vouchers are more appropriate.
- **No second-hand donations.** Many of our community partners cannot accept second hand toys due to health and safety reasons. Also, the quality often varies greatly. For many children, this will be the only toy they receive so we would like it to be a new toy.

Gift Ideas:

- **0-12 months:** rattles, teething rings, comforters, colourful/tactile things for little fingers
- **1-3 years:** wooden and soft toys, books, Duplo, shape sorters, push/pull toys, play pretend
- **3-5 years:** Playmobil, blocks, colouring books, jigsaws, play dough, farm animals
- **5-8 years:** cars, footballs, Lego sets, arts and craft sets, Pokemon cards, dolls
- **8-11 years:** craft kits, magic sets, stationary sets, K'nex, science kits
- **11-13 years:** Bags, footballs, skateboards, gift sets, board games, Lego Technic, £10 cinema vouchers, sports equipment, water bottles
- **13 - 16 years:** Toiletries, make up bags, fashion accessories and bags, gift sets, water bottles, board games, sports equipment
- Please bear in mind that some children have special needs. Sensory toys are always very popular for example colourful toys for those with hearing problems and noisy ones for those with visual impairments are encouraged.

If you have any questions about the Toy Appeal, please contact:

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