

Back Pack Project

delivering hope to some of the world's poorest children

Dear Parent,

We hope this letter finds you well. Mary's Meals, in conjunction with The Divine Mercy Primary School, invites you to take part in its school-based initiative, The Back Pack Project. Mary's Meals is now feeding more than 890,000 children around the world daily and giving them the chance of an education. This project is a simple way of helping children from very poor families in countries like Malawi to go to school. It does this by inviting school pupils to fill up an old backpack with everyday school items such as rulers, jotters, pencils etc. The students who have packed items on the list and placed them into a backpack can bring them to their local school on 15-09-17 to be collected. From there these bags are shipped to schools in third world nations to be given out to children who really need these supplies to attend school. Since The Back Pack Project began we have collected over 380,000 packs to give to children who are in desperate need of the most basic school supplies.

We would like to encourage you and your children to take part in this wonderful project to help change the life of an underprivileged child. Please only pack the items that are listed below, as we know that they are useful. These things do not have to be new, just as long as they are in good condition. By collecting extra school supplies that may be left from the previous school year, or found around the house, we can help keep costs low for those who want to participate in the project. Also it helps to teach the children the importance of not throwing away things that they might not want anymore, but to pass those things on to other children in need.

Items to be put into Backpacks

Pencils		Shorts
Rulers	Pencil Case	Soap
Erasers	Tennis Ball	Toothpaste
Jotters	Summer Dress	Toothbrush
Crayons	T-Shirt	Spoon
Pens	Towel	Flip Flops

Do not worry if you can only collect some of the items on the list, the most important items we need are the basic school supplies, and the used backpacks. We would invite your child to put a note on or inside the backpack listing whether it is for a boy or girl and the age range of the child it is suited for. Once again we would like to invite you to take part in this project, and thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,



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