

On 17 June 2023, a container will go from CofE Birmingham to the churches in Malawi. If you would like to donate items for schools, they need to be boxed. It does cost money for CofEB to send items (approximately £7 per cubic foot) and any contribution towards these costs would be gratefully received. Please do start collecting up these items:

Priority:

Biros, preferably black, new or nearly new (and tested before they are sent if they are not new.)

Children's easy-reading small books or short novels that are in good condition

Child appropriate short texts printed on paper and either laminated or in a poly-pocket – the Twinkl website is a good source for these

Also very useful:

Educational posters

Large teacher story books – A2 or A3

Coloured chalk (not white)

Coloured markers/**thick** felt tips that are new/nearly new (and have been tested before they are sent if not new)

Sports bibs, small cones, footballs, netballs, tennis balls, bats, football pumps

Full or nearly full cans of paint that are either in very bright colours or white/cream

Children's waterproof macs/coats

School uniform – tops of any sort, shorts/trousers, dresses, skirts, jumpers/cardigans, coats, PE clothes (not skorts or swim wear) Warm children's clothing is also useful

Secondary school textbooks, particularly Science ones

Sewing machines

Smartphones able to run and update whatsapp (must have a charger). They need to be factory reset **and unlocked**.

Laptops (must have a charger)

Needles and cotton thread, coloured beads for threading

Atlases

Dictionaries

Not useful:

Primary school textbooks/workbooks

Teacher schemes of work or handbooks

Pencils and pencil crayons

Old, used stationery (Basically, if you wouldn't donate it to a UK school, please don't donate it to an African one, it's not a chance to empty out old drawers etc.)