

**BOOKSTART TREASURE PACKS 2020 - 2021**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW**

***Please note some of the information in this letter may no longer be relevant due to changes with coronavirus lockdown/social distancing rules. Please apply any new lockdown/social distancing rules to the sections on How do we present the packs? Can Bookstart Bear come to our event?***

Dear Colleague

On behalf of Bradford Bookstart I am delighted to invite all Bradford Early Years settings to present a free Bookstart treasure gift pack to children in their care born between

1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. Each treasure pack contains a high quality picture book and a guidance leaflet for parents.

Bookstart is a national, government backed scheme which supports parents to enjoy books with their child from as early an age as possible. By offering the gift of free books to children before they start school, Bookstart aims to inspire a love of reading which will give children a flying start in life. Their website has more information: [www.bookstart.org.uk](http://www.bookstart.org.uk)

Distribution of Bookstart treasure packs is organised by Bradford Libraries. Please send us your order for 2020-21 using the attached form. If you have any queries which are not covered by the FAQs below, don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Please send your order by 30 September 2020 to:-

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**Frequently asked questions**

**Which children are eligible for a treasure pack?**

Children born between 1.9.2016 and 31.8.2017 will be eligible for a treasure pack in

2020-21. **Please order packs for these children only** as our supplies are limited. If settings over-order it could mean that we run out of packs and some children will not receive one at all.

**Can schools order treasure packs for children in reception?**

Children in reception are **not** eligible for a treasure pack**.** If your school would like book packs for reception age children, please order Time to Read packs directly from Booktrust: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/time-to-read/book-pack/>

**Do we have to monitor anything?**

No, Bookstart does not need any personal details of children who receive packs.

**If children attend a school nursery and a playgroup or pre-school, which one should give them their treasure pack?**

Children who attend both settings should get their treasure pack from their school nursery, so playgroups/preschools need to take this into account when ordering. Please discourage parents from accepting more than one treasure pack for their child.

**Our setting ordered the correct number of packs but more children have enrolled since we placed the order. Will we be able to order some more?**

Yes, so long as the children are eligible – please email or ring Bradford Bookstart.

**Are the picture books available in other languages?**

Yes, you may use the form to request dual language books, though please check with families before ordering on their behalf as they may prefer the standard English version. If you order dual language books we will substitute the picture book in the pack with a dual language book as requested. We have to order these separately so please return your order form as soon as possible. Supplies are subject to availability.

**Are the parental guidance leaflets available in other languages?**

Booktrust recommends presenting a parental guidance leaflet in the relevant language to all parents who have requested a dual language book. You can now download these directly from the Booktrust website: [www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk) . Just type *Reading With your Child 3-4 Years*, followed by the language you want, into the search box.

**How do we get the Bookstart treasure packs?**

The treasure bags will generally be delivered to you by Bradford Libraries van service or by courier. In some cases we may ask you to collect your treasure packs from your nearest library.

**When will we get our packs?**

If you need your treasure packs at a particular time (for example if you have an event planned), please let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange for you to get them in time. Otherwise we will distribute them during term time according to area.

**How do we present the packs?**

This is up to you. Suggestions include:

* At a story time at your local library – contact them to arrange a visit. Details at [www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries)
* At a parents’ evening
* At a book celebration event – e.g. National Bookstart Week
* Collection points with video messaging

Whichever you choose, we recommend that you involve parents and carers as much as possible. Giving parents a brief explanation of the pack can really encourage them to enjoy the books with their children.

**Can Bookstart Bear come to our event?**

If you would like to borrow the costume, please get in touch to check availability. There is no charge – all you need to do is collect and return it to Shipley Library. You will need to find your own volunteer to wear the costume.

**Can we give feedback?**

Yes, please do. Parents’ and professionals’ views are all welcome. Evidence of increased parental involvement in books and reading is very useful, and you do not need to give any names. There is a feedback section on the back of the order form.

**Bookstart Treasure Pack Order Form 2020-21**

**Please return by 30 September 2020 (address overleaf)**

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| **Total number of treasure packs needed =**  |
| Please order dual language books below. You can now download guidance leaflets in other languages directly from the Booktrust website (full details in FAQs) |
| Name of setting |  |
| Address |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |

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| **Please use the form below to order dual language books. If you order these we will deliver them to you in the packs as a substitute for the English language books.** |
| **Language** | **Books needed** | **Language** | **Books needed** | **Language** | **Books needed** |
| Albanian |  | Gujarati |  | Portuguese |  |
| Arabic |  | Hindi |  | Romanian |  |
| Bengali |  | Hungarian |  | Russian |  |
| Bulgarian |  | Italian |  | Slovakian |  |
| Chinese Simplified |  | Japanese |  | Somali |  |
| Chinese Traditional |  | Korean |  | Spanish |  |
| Croatian |  | Kurdish |  | Tagalog |  |
| Czech |  | Latvian |  | Tamil |  |
| Farsi |  | Lithuanian |  | Turkish |  |
| French |  | Nepalese |  | Urdu |  |
| German |  | Panjabi/Hindi |  | Vietnamese |  |
| Greek |  | Polish |  | Welsh |  |

**Panjabi/Hindi** books use an Indian script which may not be suitable for families of Pakistani origin who speak Panjabi. Urdu books and leaflets may be more appropriate for them.

**Simplified Chinese** is used on the whole by Mandarin speakers from mainland China.

**Traditional Chinese** is used on the whole by Cantonese speakers from Hong Kong and parts of southern China.

These are guidelines only so we suggest that you always check with families before ordering.

**Bookstart Feedback Form**

We hope you and your children enjoy your Bookstart treasure packs.

We would love to hear your comments and suggestions. You don’t have to give any personal details of families.

Name of setting:

Contact Name:

Children’s Comments

Parents’ Comments

Staff Comments

Any suggestions for improvement

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