

Donation policy



Little Stars values every item given to us; we are aware donations may have sentimental attachment and parents or carers have given us their baby's precious things to help a baby in need.

This document sets out our policy on what we do with your donations so you can have confidence we will use them responsibly and sensitively. By donating items to Little Stars you agree that we may use or dispose of your donation in accordance with this policy.

Age-appropriate clothes suitable for our bundles

0-6 months baby clothing

Little Stars focus is on providing for babies in need 0-6 months old. Most good condition clothes for this age group are kept for use by Little Stars.

Items unsuitable for our bundles but otherwise in good condition

Inevitably we receive clothes and bedding bundled with donations which are over-size or unsuitable for our use for other reasons. We try to find good homes for these too.

These include:

6 months and over clothing

Currently, we don't ask for clothing over 6 months but if we receive some accidentally, we try to pass them on with referrals for babies to grow into or for their older siblings. However, we may sell them to raise funds for Little Stars or pass them to local children centres or charity shops.

Cot bedding

Cot sheets and blankets are made into bedding packs. We do not accept cot duvets. Cot bumpers are no longer recommended for use in baby's cots so are disposed of.

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Items unsuitable for other reasons

Cash for clothes policy

We would prefer people didn't donate larger sizes of clothing that we use as it creates work in sorting and disposal of them. We reserve the right to dispose of them as efficiently as possible and add any proceeds go to Little Stars funds.

Inappropriate slogans and logos

We try to be sensitive to the different situations in which some of the parents who receive our baskets may find themselves. We only put clothes in our baskets which have logos or sentiments such as: 'Daddy', 'Brother', 'Sister' where we know the relationship exists or is known to be appropriate. We don't include clothing with logos, overt advertising, slogans or sentiments which in our opinion might cause distress or offence; at our discretion, we may sell them to raise funds for Little Stars or they may be passed on to charity shops or disposed of.

Poor condition items

Clothing and bedding which is too worn, damaged or stained is disposed of. We reserve the right to dispose of them as efficiently as possible and add any proceeds to Little Stars funds.

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Other non-clothing items

We may sell clothing and reusable non-clothing items to raise funds for Little Stars, if we are unable to use it ourselves. If we are unable to sell said items, we may donate on to other carefully chosen local charities, where possible those whose objectives are closest to our own, or which relieves financial hardship. We reserve the right to dispose of them as efficiently as possible and add any proceeds to Little Stars funds.

Moses baskets

If we accumulate more baskets than we can accommodate we pass these on to similar schemes to Little Stars to help babies in need in other areas. If they are unable to take them, we may sell them to raise funds for Little Stars. Every basket is checked for safety and hygiene when it arrives and cleaned if necessary. Any poor-quality basket is disposed of. We ask donors to remove used mattresses before donating a basket, any that arrive are disposed of as every basket is given a new one.

Bottles, toiletries and sanitary products

Bottles are available on request but are not routinely included in baskets. Only new or immaculate used bottles and new teats are kept, used ones or unsealed packet items are disposed of. We re-pack good condition loose nappies and individually wrapped breast pads. All other open packs and bottles are disposed of.

For hygiene reasons open used bottles of toiletry products are disposed of.

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Reserved rights (the small print)

Little Stars reserves the right to refuse to accept any donation for any reason.

Whilst every effort is made to use items donated to us in accordance with this policy, we reserve the right to dispose of any donation as we see fit, including but not limited to: passing on donations to another organisation, selling to raise funds for Little Stars, recycling, or disposal as waste.

Any item disposed of as waste will be disposed of responsibly and any proceeds added to Little Stars funds.