



Dear Parent/Carer,

We understand that there are times when you may experience financial hardship and may be faced with the difficulty of not being able to stretch your income to meet all the needs of your family and loved ones.

The Coats 4 Kids initiative was launched in Redbridge in 2017 as a way of providing practical support to our community. We have given over 300 coats to children in Redbridge so far and we would like to see 1000+ coats given to children who otherwise would not have a winter coat to wear to school.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

As a church, our community is at the heart of what we do. We advertise to our congregation that the Coats 4 Kids initiative is taking place and we give them the option to be a part of it. We ask those who show interest to buy a brand-new, full length winter coat for a child aged between 5–11 years old, and then we wait. The coats then come flooding in! Every year, we receive more coats than we can give out! Those who are not able to go out and buy a coat for a child prefer to give money so that we can buy the coat on their behalf.

We ask nothing of the families other than to come to us to collect the coat. (This year, due to Covid 19 regulations, we will have safety measures in place to ensure we keep you and your child safe).

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Your child must be a Redbridge resident and must be within the ages of 5-11 years old (Primary School). You will receive a voucher and referral number and you will be contacted regarding the collection date(s). Collections will take place at City Gates Church, 25-29 Clements Road, Ilford, IG1 1BH. Both the parent/carer and the child will need to be present when collecting the coat. N.B. Coats will only be given to the child that has been referred by the school or organisation making the referral.

If you require any further information or would like to speak with me regarding Coats4Kids please email me at: [soniaharris@citygates.london](mailto:soniaharris@citygates.london) and I will make contact with you at my earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

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