

# Children's Voice Box

Let's work together to give every child a voice!

Engaging students in voicing their opinions is essential for their growth and confidence. As teachers, you play a pivotal role in this process. Your active participation in this project, can make a significant difference in helping students feel heard and valued.



## What is a Voice Box?

Throughout this year, the Child Friendly Nottingham team would love to support schools to promote pupil voice through creative and engaging Voice Boxes. Time to refresh your suggestion box!

It's a fun uniquely designed postbox to encourage pupils to share their thoughts, ideas and feedback anonymously if needed. It can be placed in a classroom or communal area, giving all pupils an opportunity to have their voices heard, including those who may feel shy or hesitant to speak up. Pupils and school leaders can regularly respond to letters, demonstrating that children's views are taken seriously.

Make your own bespoke Voice Box in any material you choose. There is also an option for schools to submit a character/front panel design that can be cut out of wood (£110) or cardboard (£85) for schools to decorate. (Max size: 4ftx4ft)

Create a Voice Box for your school!



### Step 1: Brainstorming Session

- Gather your class for a brainstorming session.

### Step 2: Sketch Your Ideas

- Materials needed: paper, pencils, markers, crayons
- Every pupil sketch their idea for the voice box front panel – this could be a character or unique postbox with features from your local area. Encourage creativity and originality!

### Step 3: Discuss and vote on the design

- Display all the sketches and develop a voting system for your class or school to choose their favourite designs.

**Article 12;** Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

### Step 4: Develop the Final Design

- Combine elements from the top-voted designs to create the final piece
- Plan how you would like to make your Voice box. It could be a wooden structure, made from cardboard or recycled materials. At this point, you could submit your design to be cut out and delivered back to school to add colour!

### Step 5: Group work

- Form small groups to make or decorate sections of the voice box!

### Step 6: Introduce the Voice Box to your school

- Plan a special event or school assembly to introduce the Voice box to your school community! Invite your local Councillors, MP or school governors to take part.

## Your Voice Matter! Let's hear it!

Help your pupils to be:

**Courageous and bold:** Speaking their minds with confidence and bravery.

**Empathetic listeners:** Valuing everyone's thoughts and feelings.

**Inspirational leaders:** Encouraging each other to stand up for what they believe in and take action.

