

## Personal Development at William Booth

### What is the Community Shed?

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdowns that happened, we actually built relationships with our families that were stronger than ever. Along with our home visits, we also saw the real value in our **whole school community supporting each other**, and out of this came The Community Shed.

All year round we collect donations of school uniform, clothes, toys, books, furniture and anything else that might bring joy to one of our families, or make their lives easier. And then roughly once a term we have a Community Shed giveaway where **all parents and carers can come and collect any of these items completely free of charge**. It's a simple idea, but it makes a big difference, and it's now an established part of our school culture.



### What is the impact?

The Community Shed giveaways are always very well attended (usually between **20-40 families will drop-in**). For those families these donations can make a real difference, whether it be a nice new book to take home, a warm coat or a mattress and a teddy bear.

In specific instances, where families have found themselves without many of the essentials, we've also been able deliver a collection of items to their homes and help get them started, or back on their feet.

**The Community Shed really embodies the BELIEVE values at William Booth.**