



Dear Parent / Guardian,
















We are pleased to announce that St Mary's has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for (*insert project or fundraising need*).

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for St Mary's, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bags 2 School collect:

 Clothes	 Paired shoes	 Handbags	 Hats
 Bags	 Scarves and ties	 Bras	 Jewellery
 Socks	 Belts	 Soft toys	 Household linen
 Household curtains	 Household towels	 Household bedding	

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from St Mary's on Thursday 30th November. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school gate and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Carol Taylor – Assistant Headteacher