



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Chesterton School Association has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising funds for the school, it also helps the environment by diverting 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 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 <http://uk.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.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, additional bags are available from the office. You can also 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!

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school hall on the morning of **Tuesday 25th February (by 9.30am)**.

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

Yours faithfully

*Chesterton School
Association*