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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to announce that St Edward's Church of England Academy has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the Friends of St Edward's Church of England Academy.

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 £32 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the Friends of St Edward's, donating 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 tons 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 reusing.

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

Bag2School will be collecting from St Edward's Church of England Academy on Monday 25th November. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school office on **Thursday 21st November or Friday 22nd November** and help us to have a really good collection. Due to limited storage space, it is unfortunately not possible for us to accept donations before Thursday 21st November.

Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Parrish
Vice Principal