



# St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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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 – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), handbags and belts (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.

Your child can ask their House Tutor for a donation bag to bring home to be filled or donations can be sent to school in any bag.

**Bag2School** will be collecting from St Edward's Church of England Academy on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please send your bag (or bags!) of donated items to school with your child to hand to their House Tutor on either **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** (to allow for donations to be 'quarantined' before the collection date) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please do not bring donations to the school office.**

Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Hutchinson  
Principal