



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that Garlinge Primary School and Nursery PTFA has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our school.

To coincide with the collection on the Friday 11th December, the children are having a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing a bag of unwanted clothing.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, 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. This year, please bring the clothes in a black bag from home. We will not send home the official bags this year – 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 then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbors to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on the morning of the 11th December. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the collection point in the KS1 playground by the Caxton road gates, during morning drop off and help us have a really good collection!

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

Yours faithfully

Clair Chapman
PTFA Chairperson