



21st January 2022

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 to raise funds for our school.

To coincide with the collection on Monday 31th January, the children are having a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing a bag of clothes and shoes to donate

As well as raising vital 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 as we will not be sending home the official bags this time. In your bag you can include adult 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.

You are able to bring multiple bags 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 our school on the morning of the Monday 31st January. 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 for helping us with this worthwhile fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Clair Chapman
PTFA Chairperson