

12th January 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

PTA Bag2School Collection – Monday 6th February 2023

As you will have seen on the school newsletter calendar, Swanland School PTA has organised another textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school.

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and, since its inception in 2001, they have now paid out over £15 million.

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 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 1,081,000 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 adult's and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). However, please hold on to any unwanted items of uniform as we regularly hold Nearly-New Uniform Sales at the Parents' Evenings and these will be gratefully received for use at a later date.

As blue bags cannot be given out to children this time, please use bin liners.

If you fill the bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items – and please do not forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! We will receive £400 per tonne or £0.40/kg, which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on **MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2023**.

Please bring your bag (or bags!) first thing on the morning on 6th February to our bag drop off area which will be located inside the school staff car park, to the left just inside the 'In' barrier (cover will be provided if it is raining!). The barrier will be left up, but please do not drive through the car park to drop off your bag. Please observe social distancing and be alert as vehicles may enter the car park.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity and your continued support of the PTA.

Yours sincerely

Swanland School PTA