

6th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Bag2School Collection Date – Wednesday 12th June 2019

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.**

The blue bags were given out before the half-term holiday and we hope you were able to have a sort out over the holiday to fill your bag!

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items and 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 **WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2019**.

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to your child's class first thing **in the morning on 12th June** and help us have a really good collection.

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

Yours faithfully

Swanland School PTA

