



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Ashford Church of England Primary School has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA.

**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 £36 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Ashford Church of England Primary 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 in the bag provided – 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.

Please use any bag to donate your items. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to school on the morning of **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** and help us have a really good collection!

Many thanks in advance for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Gemma  
PTA Chair  
Ashford Church of England Primary School