



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Friends of Howes has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds to support school trips, events and activities at Howes Primary 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 **£20 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 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 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 adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. **Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted** (refer to [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for 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 neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**Bag2School** will be collecting from our school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. Please leave your bag (or bags!) by the Nursery entrance from **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016** and help us have a really good collection.

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

Yours faithfully

Friends of Howes