



20th January 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that FIRPS has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School.

**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 FIRPS, 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. (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 can use any bag e.g. a bin liner to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! You can donate as many bags as you wish.

**Bag2School** will be collecting from Istead Rise Primary School on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **Please bring your bag (or bags!) to school on either Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January or Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** between the dates. You can drop them off at the school office between these dates.

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

Many thanks

FIRPS