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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to announce that Galleywood Infant School has organized a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for GIPA.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since it's inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £32 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for GIPA, 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.

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 Galleywood Infant School on **Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 9.00am**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the covered canopy area at main reception and help us have a really good collection. Bags can be brought into school on Tuesday 12th November after 3.10pm. Please do not bring your bags into school any earlier as we do not have room to store them.

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

Kind regards

GIPA

