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Dear Parent/Carer

Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that Ely College PTFA has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds to support departments with enrichment equipment and activities.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools. As well as raising vitally needed funds for Ely College PTFA, 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. Bag2School distribute the clothes all over the world.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, and handbags, (no uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric 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.

Ely College will be running this event as part of the House league competition. We will record the number of full bags donated by each House (half bags will be joined together) and points awarded to the Houses accordingly. So, as well as sorting out your own clothes why not ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! You can fill any bag, but we will have bag2school bags available nearer the time if students would like to collect them.

Please bring your bag(s) to:

Ely College Main Reception on Tuesday 16th May by 8:50am

and help us have a really good collection!

Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Ely College PTFA