



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that the school has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for **Portway Schools**.

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 £8 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, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive **£500 per tonne or £0.50/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition 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 dropping bags off in the week commencing 4th APRIL and week commencing 10th OCTOBER, and they will be handed to your child in class. The **Bag2School** will be collecting from our school on:

13th May 2011 in the morning between 9 and 1, and again on:

11th November 2011, between 9 and 1. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to **Portway Infant and Junior School halls the day before**, and help us have a really good collection.

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

Yours faithfully

Portway Schools' Association (PSA)