



RIPON

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that Outwood Academy Ripon has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, a charity with very close ties to our academic community.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Cancer Research UK, 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 a bin bag. This can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). Please do not include school uniforms with logos. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bag2School will be collecting from Outwood Academy Ripon on **Thursday 9th July 2026**, Therefore we are asking for donations to be dropped off at the academy between **Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 8th July 2026, 8am - 4pm**. Students can either drop bags off themselves at Student Services, or alternatively parents can drop them off at reception between these dates and times.

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

Yours faithfully
Toby Richards
Associate Leader



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