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Dear Parent or Guardian

We are pleased to announce that the Ripon Grammar School Council has organised another clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds to support our application for the **Leeds Beckett Mental Health Award**. Leeds Beckett University are working in conjunction with Minds Ahead to offer schools support in developing their mental health and fitness strategy. Schools deemed to be ensuring the well-being of students and staff will be eligible for a new mental health quality kitemark.

**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 £32 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the Leeds Beckett Mental Health Award, 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.

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 adult and childrens' clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys (please refer to <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> 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 items to donate, 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 the school on **Tuesday 25 January 2019**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the foyer and help us have a good collection.

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

Yours faithfully

**The School Council**