

## **Cambridgeshire School Uniform Survey: Examples of school initiatives or good practice offered by schools in the initial survey responses (June 2024)**

### **Examples given by primary schools:**

- *Regular uniform 'swaps'.*
- *Railing of good quality second hand clothing available to parents daily.*
- *We have a second hand uniform shop that can be ordered from but we also have open afternoons to come and browse too.*
- *We have expanded our swap shop to include a Christmas jumper / outfit swap shop around the festive season to reduce cost to families and to raise funds for the PTA and to reduce clothes waste.*
- *Our PTA work hard to collect and recycle uniform.*
- *Parent volunteers do school uniform sales in the playground for a voluntary donation/free if needed. All clothing is donated by parents and is washed and hung on rails to look as presentable as possible.*
- *We provide opportunities to access pre-loved uniform throughout the year and parents are asked to give what they can as a donation. This was advised by a charity who noted that this gave a sense of worth for the parent/carer - they weren't just being given things.*
- *Pre-loved uniform is very popular and we only ask for a voluntary contribution that families can afford for as many pieces of uniform as they need.*
- *We have plenty of items on clothes rails and have them out on the playground every Wednesday. For working parents this can be more difficult to access although we do ask people to let us know if there's something they're needing and we can send it home for them to look at. We've tried using a site with items listed but this is time-consuming to keep updated and is another thing for parents to have to go to.*
- *We ask for all uniform deliveries to the school to reduce the postage costs*
- *A 'New to You' stand has free items of uniform parents/carers can take from our school reception area. There are also food items and toys for families there as well.*
- *We are planning to have a stock of PE uniform in each year group so that children who wear football shirts, inappropriate t-shirts for PE can change at school.*
- *Pre-loved uniform selection always available in school foyer, with items priced at 50p or £1, any money raised goes to the PTA.*
- *For any new starters arriving mid-year we always offer free tops (polo and sweatshirt) from our second-hand uniform to allow them time to settle in and then think about uniform.*

### **Examples given by secondary schools:**

- *I highly recommend the website [Uniformd](#) for selling second-hand uniform items that have been donated. We also have a loan shop whereby some items are loaned permanently.*
- *We run an online second hand uniform request scheme - parents/carers can request items via an online form on the website. Admin staff fulfil the requests and distribute the items. Payment is entirely optional (there is a suggested donation amount) via the school's cashless payment system. We find this easier to staff and administer than second-hand uniform sales, and parents can request items at any time of the year.*
- *We have managed to negotiate a discounted rate for our disadvantaged families, which allows them to use a one off code on the supplier's website when ordering. Additional codes are available to families though.*
- *A discount is given for purchases over £100 bought/ordered at the uniform 'try-on' session.*
- *We have a very active 'Friends' group who provide excellent support for families.*