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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to you to announce that Meadowcroft Infant School have organised a textile collection bin, provided by **Astra Recycling** Ltd to raise funds for the school!

**Astra Recycling Ltd** is a textile recycling company based in Portsmouth, Hampshire, which supports many schools and other organizations in raising funds through textile recycling.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the school, textile recycling 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 1,000,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year!

By getting involved in our textile collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles. This can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, bags, soft toys, bed sheets and curtains.

We have offered a rate of **£200 per ton**, so this is a great way to gain some extra income for the school. In addition, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling.

You can use any bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

The textile bank has arrived and is located by the main gates to the school. Get sorting those wardrobes!

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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