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Dear Parent/Carer

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**Re: Help us to help the Environment**

I am very conscious that most parents will have invested in school uniform for September 2020 which their children will have worn for only one term before going into lockdown. Knowing how quickly children grow I am expecting that some will have grown out of their school uniforms.

It seems a real waste for parents financially and a negative environmental impact for those uniforms to be thrown away when they could be swapped as preloved items. We are therefore introducing our Preloved Scheme!

If you have any school uniform that your child has grown out of please bring it into school (washed) in a plastic bag and hand it in at the collection box at the main gate on a morning.

All donations will then be isolated prior to being made available for parents to collect.

During the first week back, we will be asking children to claim any lost property and anything not claimed will be washed and made available as part of our Preloved Scheme.

More families than ever are under increasing financial pressure but I also appreciate that many people who would benefit from the Preloved Scheme would rather do so anonymously.

Therefore, we have arranged for our Preloved items to be available at St. Thomas' Church Hall every Tuesday during the times the Weardale Food Bank is open and this will be set up in the coming weeks. We will also provide a rail of Preloved items outside the main entrance (weather permitting) which parents can come along to and help themselves from during the day when other people are not around. Alternatively, you can email [admin@stanhopebarrington.org.uk](mailto:admin@stanhopebarrington.org.uk) and request specific items which we will put into a pack for you to collect.

We really hope that everyone can benefit from our Preloved Scheme and that we can help to reduce the environmental impact too.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs D Cross  
Head Teacher

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