

## \*FRIENDS OF CRANMERE CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN\*

**The Fundraising Deal:** For every tonne that is recycled, Cranmere Friends received £300!

**What can go in the bin:** All types of clothing, accessories & household fabrics including shoes, bags, belts, hats, gloves, towels and sleeping bags.

### **What cannot go in the bin:**

- ✘ Clothing with school logos or work logos (don't forget we take school uniform in good condition for our pre-loved sales via the office or contact [cranmerefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:cranmerefriends@hotmail.com)).
- ✘ Footwear or accessories that show any heavy signs of damage or stains.
- ✘ Items that are originally sold as a pair such as footwear and gloves **MUST** be sent as a pair.
- ✘ Cushion covers or blankets.

### **Don't forget:**

A couple of others rules to follow:

- Given the current Covid related restrictions in place, **access to the bin will only be permitted at afternoon pick-up**. Please do not attempt to take items to the bin in the morning during drop-off.
- Please adhere to Covid government rules and social distancing when using the bin.
- If the bin is full, **please don't leave clothes on the floor next to the bin**. Please let the office know if you have noticed the bin is full. We will endeavour to have the bin emptied as soon as it is full. We will use the Friends of Cranmere Facebook page and the Class Reps to alert you when the bin is full and when it has been emptied again.

### **What happens to the contents of the bin?**

Once the recycling company has emptied the bin, all items are hand sorted and separated for specific destinations around the world.

Grade A clothes (100% wearable, in good shape and colour with no marks or stains) will be sent to shops abroad just like the second-hand shops we have in the UK e.g. to Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, the Czech Republic and many more countries where they will be resold to help those struggling communities.

Grade B clothing would go further afield to our partners in Africa, Ghana, Cameroon and The Ivory Coast; these clothes may be over-washed, slightly misshapen or have small marks.

Here in the UK, all new underwear, including new socks, are given to our charity partner, Hands On London, whose volunteers distribute to the vulnerable homeless people on the streets of London. Similarly, any sleeping bags are donated to UK homeless charities.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch at [cranmerefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:cranmerefriends@hotmail.com).

**Thank you for your support,**

**Cranmere Friends**