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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Spare uniform/new uniform**

As we near the end of the school year and approach the start of a new one, you may soon be considering the need to purchase new items of uniform to replace out-grown ones. In the interest of both the environment and saving you money, we would like to encourage you to consider donating your good quality second hand uniform and receiving some more appropriately sized, good quality uniform for free, rather than purchasing new clothing.

Much school uniform is outgrown or no longer required whilst it is still in excellent condition. Clothing production has a big carbon impact and thrown out uniform contributes to the 4000 pieces of clothing that ends up in Leeds black bins each year. For these reasons, Leeds Uniform Exchange has been set up to facilitate the exchange of good quality second-hand uniform in Leeds.

### **Donating good quality second hand uniform**

If you have good quality, clean uniform to donate, you can bring it to school in the last week of term or in September. Please get your son/daughter to bring it to Mrs Gold in A34.

If you want to donate uniform over the holidays you can do so via the Facebook Group "Cardinal Heenan Uniform Exchange" or you can put uniform in a Uniform Exchange bin at Meanwood Community Centre. There may also be a donation bin nearer to you - please see the Leeds Uniform Exchange website for more details.

We will sort through uniform donated in school, keep some to distribute within school and pass on the majority of uniform to the Uniform Exchange in Meanwood.

### **Receiving good quality second-hand uniform**

If you require more uniform, please use the Facebook group "Cardinal Heenan Uniform Exchange" or attend the Leeds Uniform Exchange pop up at Meanwood Community Centre on **Friday 18 August**.

If you have any questions about donating or receiving uniform please visit the Leeds Uniform exchange website or email Mrs Gold at [kgd@cardinalheenan.com](mailto:kgd@cardinalheenan.com)

We thank you for helping to reduce the environmental impact of the school community.

With kind regards

Mrs Gold  
**Teacher and Eco Lead**

