

Kings Langley School - Textiles Recycling Bank located at the school gates has boosted Form 9D's fundraising by £71.10

Each year the British public throws away over a million tonnes of textiles, the vast majority of which could be used or recycled. UK Textiles Recycling (a family run business based in Northampton) offers an environmentally friendly alternative to this wastage. By depositing textiles into a bank your clothes, shoes and textiles will receive a second lease of life and help.

Ecological benefits include:

- Reduce the need for landfill space.
- Less pressure to use raw materials.
- Recycling results in less pollution and energy savings.
- Reduces the need to import raw materials from abroad.

The Recycling Process:

When a clothing bank is full it is emptied and transported to a sorting warehouse. At the warehouse the clothes are sorted by experienced workers into specific categories. Once sorted good clothing is graded, weighed and then baled. The bales are then loaded onto a container, taken to the dock and exported overseas. Exporting the used clothing helps create overseas markets and provides a much needed resource for under-developed countries.

Un-wearable items are recycled into other household products e.g. car insulation, furniture padding, and artists' painting paper. Absorbent materials such as cotton and linen will be cut into industrial wiping rags. Other materials such as wool will be either shredded and made into felt or pulled to make new yarn.

How to prepare clothes for recycling

We welcome any clean clothing - Adult and children clothing: Shoes and trainers, Handbags and belts, Sheets, curtains and towels - and simply ask you to place your old clothes in a supermarket type bag with the handles tied before depositing these into the Bank. Large bin bags can block the shoot and prevent other donations. All items must be clean, dry, wearable clothing and shoes paired.