28th February 2024

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to confirm that Duddon St. Peter’s CE Primary School has been invited to join KidsBank’s School Uniform Project.

The Chester based children’s charity KidsBank, collect new and pre-loved items for babies and children – equipment, clothes, toys and toiletries, and distribute them to struggling families across Cheshire and Flintshire.

The School Uniform Project aims to support schools in providing families with access to excellent quality, pre-loved school uniform direct from the school.

**School Uniform Donations**

To get the project up and running, we would be very grateful for any pre-loved Duddon St. Peter’s CE Primary School uniform to be donated.

Donation points will be made available during the week commencing 11th March. Please make your donations of school uniform during this week.

School Uniform donation weeks will be arranged ongoing and will be communicated in the School Newsletter.

**School Uniform Team**

We are looking for up to 6 volunteers to help with the Uniform Project from our school community. The team will help to sort, iron and bundle items of clothing donated, help run the uniform events (up to twice per year) and put together the items requested.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dee Denton, KidsBank Operations Manager, directly at dee@kidsbankchester.com or on 07506691598.

Please note: No-one other than the School Administrator will be informed of the families requesting support.

**Direct Access to Pre-Loved School Uniform**

From the start of Summer Term, a family can request support for school uniform as follows:

* Send an email direct to the school using the

uniform@dstp.cheshire.sch.uk address. This goes direct to the School Administrator.

* Please tell the school, in your email the age, sizes and the items you need.
* A member of the School Uniform team will put the items together and will provide to the Administrator.
* The School Administrator will get in touch to arrange delivery/collection.

Please note: any requests are completely confidential and private. ONLY the School Administrator will know the families who have applied for school uniform.

**School Uniform Events**

All parents will also be able to access FREE school uniform bundles at the School Uniform events. We aim to have 2 per year (one ahead of the Autumn Term and one ahead of the Summer Term). The dates for these events will be communicated in the School Newsletter.

The first School Uniform Event will take place on **18th July 2024**, so that families can collect uniform ahead of the September Autumn Term. This event will also be made available to families whose children will be starting in Reception Class in September.

**Dates For Your Diary**

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| **11th March – 15th March** | Donate any unwanted pre-loved school uniform |
| **16th April onwards** | Families can email the school directly for pre-loved school uniform support **uniform@dstp.cheshire.sch.uk** |
| **24th June – 28th June** | Donate any unwanted pre-loved school uniform |
| **18th July**  | School Uniform Event |

For any further information, please contact Dee directly at dee@kidsbankchester.com or on 07506691598.

Yours sincerely,