

SCHOOL UNIFORM RECYCLING TOOLKIT

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WHO FED BACK?



11

NO. OF SCHOOLS /
ORGANISATIONS
WHO GAVE
FEEDBACK

9

NO. OF
EVALUATION
FORMS
RETURNED

WHO WAS INVOLVED?



7 PRIMARY SCHOOLS
1 SECONDARY SCHOOL
1 SPECIAL SCHOOL



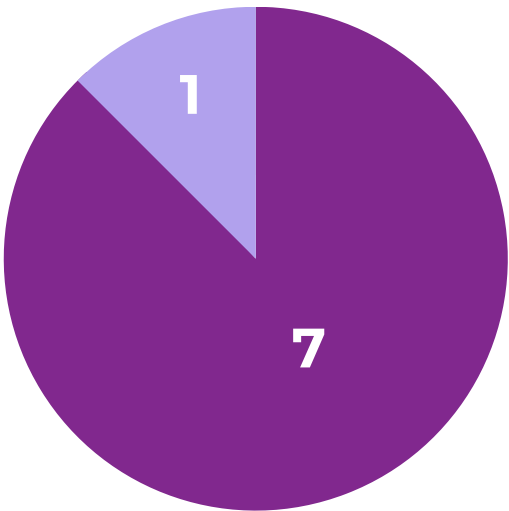
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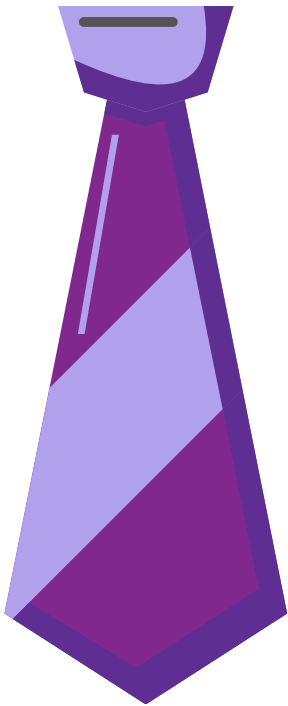
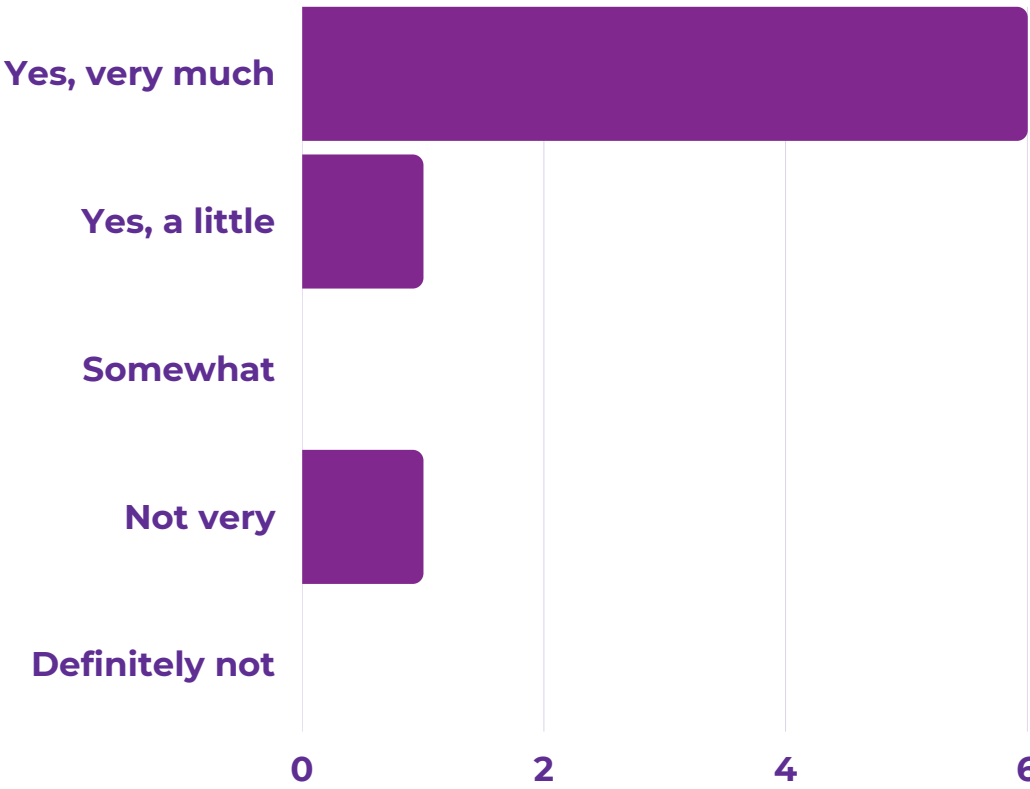
1 CHURCH

WAS THE TOOLKIT USEFUL TO YOUR SCHOOL IN HELPING TO RUN AN INITIATIVE?

- Yes, very much
- Yes, a little



WAS THE TOOLKIT WORTHWHILE TO YOU AS A SCHOOL?

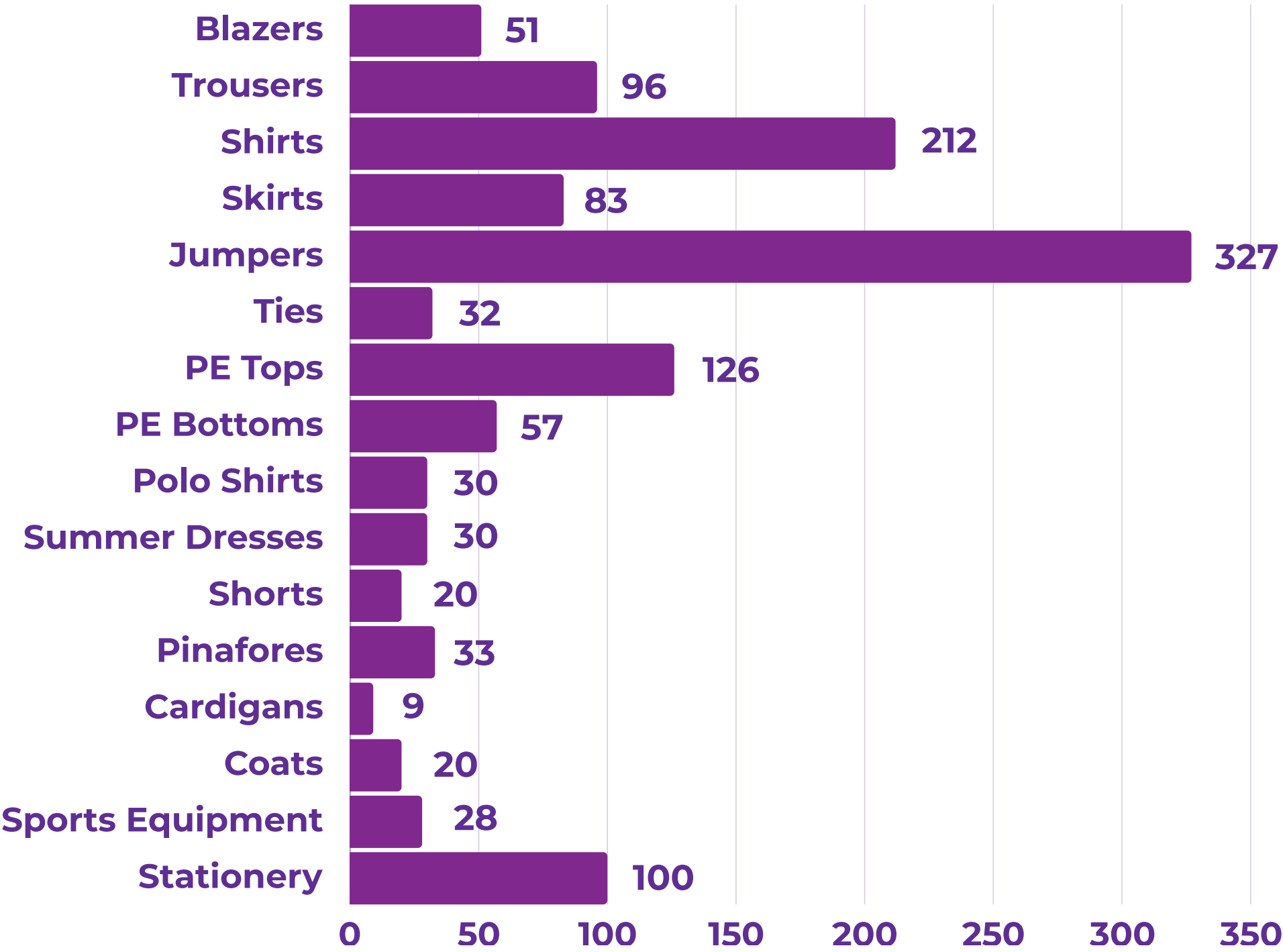


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HOW MANY ITEMS WERE YOU ABLE TO RECYCLE? (PLEASE GIVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE TO ALL THAT APPLY)



1,254

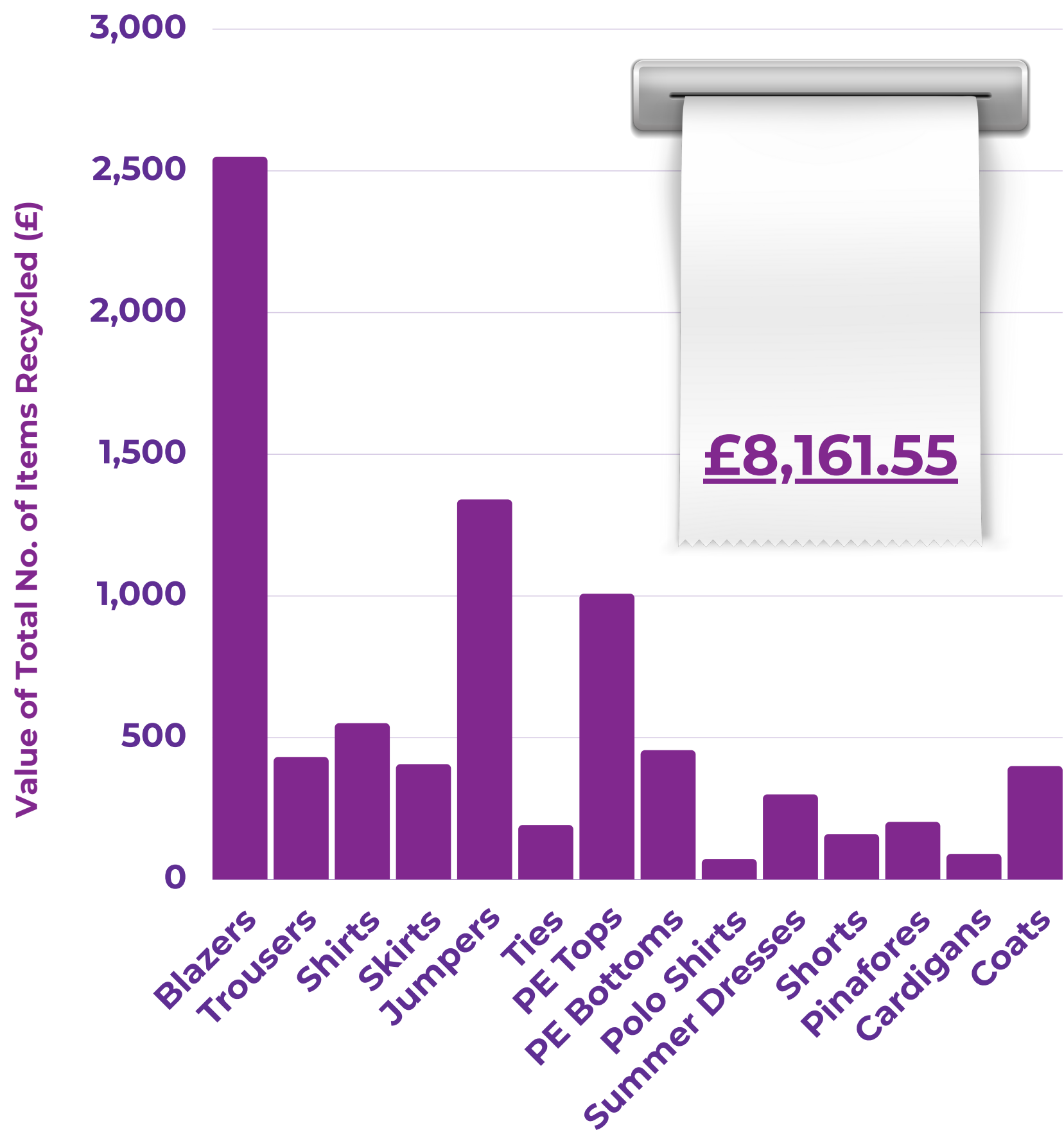
TOTAL NO. OF
ITEMS DONATED

It was great to see the enthusiasm from parents to become involved and the pleasure parents and staff had in seeing the uniforms recycled.

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PUTTING A COST VALUE ON RECYCLING...



Excluding 128 items of sports equipment and stationery, the school uniform initiatives recycled items totalling a cost of £8,161.55

*Costs based on average of items from Asda, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Lidl, Dunnes, M&S, NEXT and Matalan.
Other items estimated at the lower cost from online retailers.*

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WHAT WORKED WELL FOR YOU FROM THIS INITIATIVE?

Engaging with the local community.

Having a non-uniform week during the last week of term helped to facilitate the donation of clean uniforms.

This year we included secondary schools and we had more people through the door.

As an Eco School, the recycling in itself is also an important aspect of this for us.

Very lucky to have a great group of mums willing to help organise the event.

Support from businesses to allow us to use their stores for collections.

Parents/carers were very appreciative of it.

The Student Council helped.

We sorted all the goods on the Saturday for collection on the Sunday and was definitely a great idea so we could upload pictures of what we had on offer.

WILL YOU
CONTINUE
TO RUN AN
INITIATIVE
NEXT YEAR?



YES

(6)



NO

(0)



MAYBE

(2)



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IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

We will look at other ways of engaging parents.

Organising stock better and streamlining systems - times, volunteers to help, etc.

More parents to become involved and the scheme to assist more families.

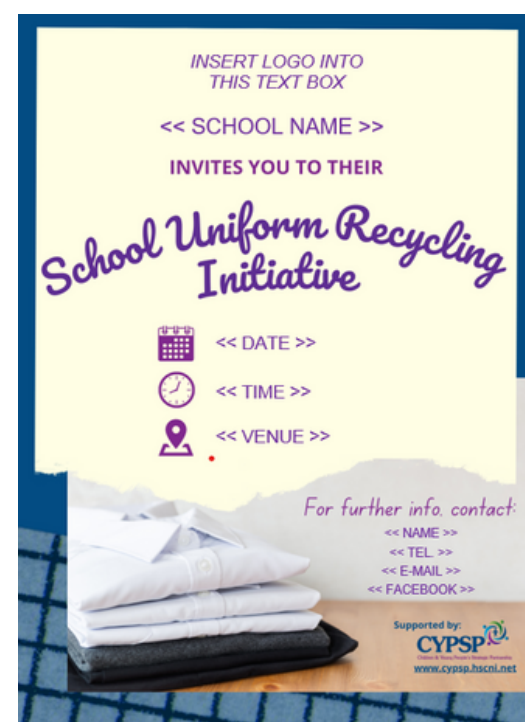
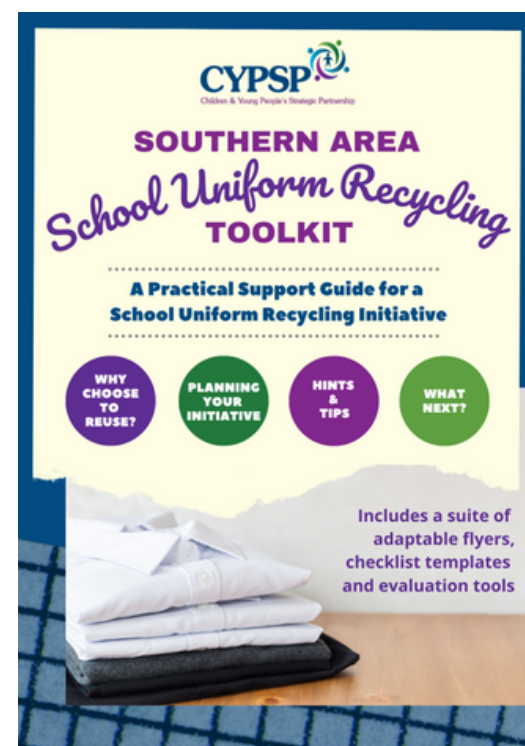
Advertise how successful the scheme was and encourage even greater uptake.

Providing parents with a more detailed description of the quality of clothes required.

Potentially introduce sports equipment / school bags.

Perhaps do it throughout the year and closer to the start of the academic year.

The school could possibly hold a Swap Shop or take donations for the Fundraising Committee.



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FURTHER COMMENTS...

This year we have definitely seen other organisations running this event and believe people are looking at it in a different way and taking it as an exchange shop and not feeling embarrassed using the scheme.

Occasionally we have had children transfer to us in the middle of a year and we don't have enough new uniform items to offer them, so they are glad of the pre-loved items. Stigma associated with any sort of "help" is a minefield.

We very much wish to participate in the scheme next year.

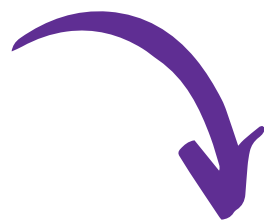
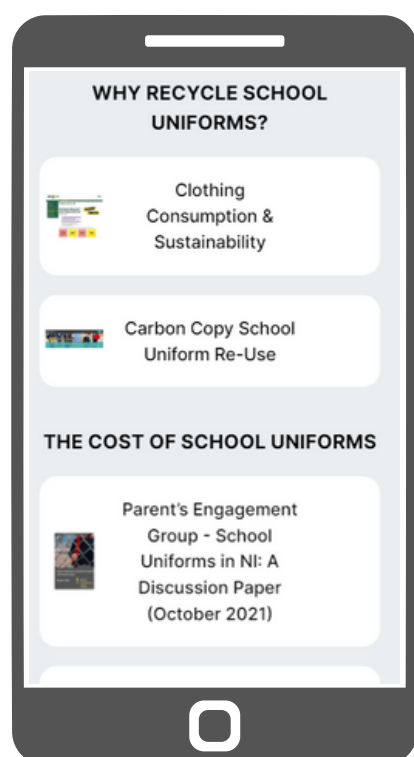
Encourage donation of PE kits and school ties.

A very good initiative - Depends on parents to use the initiative for it to be successful.

Left over clothing was stored in school to be used as required by teaching staff. Clothing that did not make the quality standard was left in the textile recycling bin.

Parents love this initiative, and we are delighted to be able to do something that helps parents, and make their finances stretch a little further.

Helpful to have a collaborative approach.



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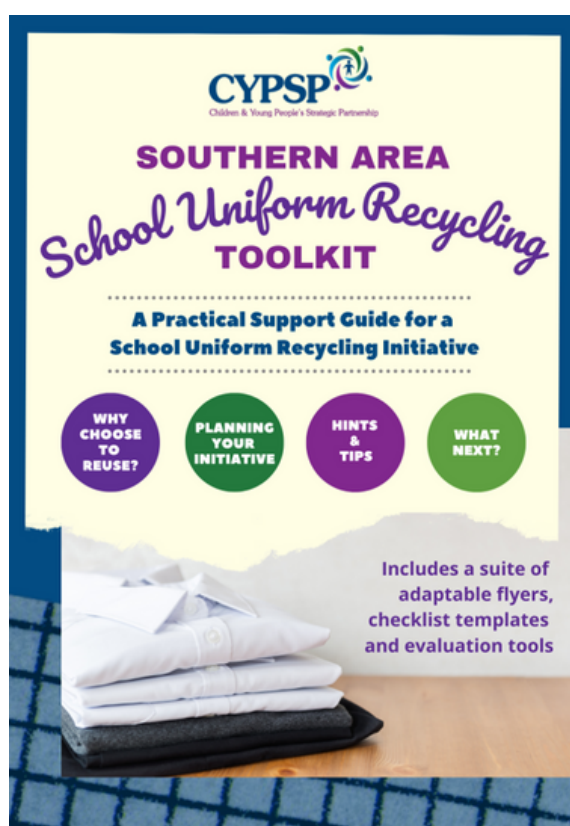
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**This includes sports clubs, church & faith-based groups, PTAs and any other relevant groups who may be interested*

