## **School Textile Recycling Project**



SATCoL needs <u>all</u> your unwanted textiles, especially outgrown or unloved items of clothing that can be given a new home. But that's not all; even worn out t-shirts, ripped jeans, holey socks or old pillowcases can be recycled and transformed into new things like sofa padding.

Did you know that around 50% of the textiles we buy end up going to landfill when they don't have to? Norfolk County Council (NCC) and the Salvation Army Trading Company (SATCoL) are working together to try to change this. Your school can help too!

By signing up for a textile collection you will:

- Raise money for your school your school will receive a share of the profit made from textiles collected. This can run in to hundreds of pounds. You will also receive a direct payment from NCC in recycling credits
- **Support a charity** for every tonne of textiles collected, SATCoL will make a contribution to the Salvation Army equal to the amount of profit shared with your school
- Help the environment landfill sites cause pollution so by helping to recycle more textiles there will be less going to landfill. Did you know that for every tonne of textiles recycled seven tonnes of harmful CO2 emissions are prevented? SATCoL will collect <u>all</u> your unwanted textiles, no matter what condition they're in
- Work towards your eco-schools award SATCoL have signed up to the eco-schools scheme so by running a collection with them you will fulfil many of the criteria towards gaining your award
- **Receive free educational resources** SATCoL have a selection of resources including lesson plans and a dvd available for schools to support work in the classroom
- Have the chance to win a performance from a theatre group\* 5 lucky schools will win a visit from The Recycling Rescuers who will run their interactive 'Rags' performance. Just sign up before the end of the autumn term 2015 for a textile collection with SATCoL and you will automatically be entered into the draw

The Salvation Army is able to offer a variety of collection options to suit the needs of your school. These include collection bags and a range of different sized banks. Full risk assessments will be carried out.

So sign up today and start raising money for that new playground equipment, revamp of the school garden or extra books for the library!

For further information or to sign up please contact Tracey Mitchell or Jackie Piermont-Dack on 01603 223347/222128 or email <u>waste.management@norfolk.gov.uk</u>.

\*The theatre group performances will be run during the spring term 2016 and exact dates will be agreed with the winning schools. No cash alternative or alternative prizes are available. Each performance will be for up to 35 children and up to 3 performances will be available (during a single day) to each winning school. All schools registering for a textile collection with SATCoL by close of business on Friday 18 December 2015 will be entered into the competition and winners will be drawn at random during the Christmas holidays.