

The Headteacher

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Dear Headteacher

HELP CHILDLINE BY RECYCLING YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES

Imagine how many unwanted phones your staff and pupils will have after Christmas?

ChildLine is asking schools all over the UK to take part in our **Mobile Phone Amnesty** where unwanted mobiles are recycled to raise funds for ChildLine. You can choose any day or week from January to March for staff and pupils to hand in their old handsets and accessories. We are also asking interested schools to prepare in advance by letting their staff and pupils know before the Christmas break, so if they receive a new one as a gift they can save their old one for the Amnesty. It is an incredibly simple way of raising money for a good cause, with minimum effort! We also arrange collection of the phones to make it even easier!

Each mobile phone can raise as much as £70 for ChildLine and by taking part you will help ChildLine answer more calls from children and young people in your area.

Although children can call 0800 1111 for free, it costs ChildLine £3 to answer each call. Every day 4,000 children call ChildLine but due to lack of funds only 1,800 can get through to our counsellor's for the comfort, advice and protection; children like Sandie:

"I can't go back home. My stepfather beats me and calls me names... I sleep with the bed across my door... He drinks alot." Sandie, 15, had run away before and told the police about the physical violence, but "...there were no marks and the police didn't do anything. Mum and him didn't speak to me for a month." Sandie did eventually agree to contact social services and ChildLine was able to help her talk frankly to them and to say why she did not want to be returned home.

For more information, or to apply for a Recycling Pack please return the enclosed registration form by fax or post. Alternatively you can use the e-mail or telephone contact details attached.

The Recycling Pack will provide you with everything you need to take part in the Amnesty including posters (endorsed by Ian Wright) and ChildLine information etc. Your school will be sent a certificate of thanks on receipt of the phones and accessories.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Courtney Borthwick
Regional Fundraiser



Nick Goligher
Regional Fundraiser

'If you're anything like me, you'll always want to have the latest gadget – and you'll end up with old mobile phones lying around. So why not put them to good use and donate them to ChildLine – it's really easy and you won't feel so guilty the next time you upgrade!'

Ian Wright





MOBILE PHONE AMNESTY REGISTRATION FORM



To receive your Mobile Phone Recycling Pack please fill in your details on the right then either:

- Post to ChildLine, 1c Brook Street, Nottingham NG1 1DY
- Fax this sheet back on 0115 950 2570

or:

- Email: midlands@childline.org.uk
- Register by calling 0115 924 2544

Beautiful Queen Anne dolls' houses available for fundraising

ChildLine East Midlands & East Anglia has been given a number of Queen Anne style dolls' houses. These are available to anyone able to fundraise with them and commit to raise *at least* £150 per house. The houses are fully furnished and decorated collectors' pieces, not young children's toys. They are about 111cm high, 82cm wide and 44cm deep.

I would like to receive more information:

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Name of School _____

Name of Co-ordinator _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Date / Week / Month
your school is taking part _____

Number of posters for
display (max 5) _____

I'm not interested in taking part in the
Mobile Phone Amnesty but please contact
me regarding alternative fund raising ideas: ☐