Cost: **£5000**

Back to SchoolBank East Renfrewshire



Project location: **East Renfrewshire**

Project name: **POVERTY CHALLENGE BRAND NEW SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

What is your project?

Back to SchoolBank East Renfrewshire provides children, living in situations of poverty and deprivation, with a brand-new school uniform. Child Poverty Action Group state that there is a direct correlation between poverty and educational achievement and the ethos of BTSB is to put all effort into mitigating that disadvantage, simply by providing brand new uniform clothing, gym kit, school bag and stationery items: everything that's needed for the school day.



** Please support us in helping children go to school each day, feeling and looking just like everybody else does **

Who is the project for?

We work on a referral system in collaboration with social work depts, schools, Citizens Advice, Women's Aid and other support agencies, when they apply to us for help. They know best where help is most needed.

There are many reasons why children are referred to us. Families may have limited means, making it difficult to pay mortgage or rent and energy bills and other household costs such as buying food and other essentials. Rising energy costs and the squeeze on families' budgets is making it even more difficult for people to survive.

Although uniform clothing can be bought quite cheaply, if the money to buy them is just not there, the availability of uniforms even at low prices, is not really an issue.

Not all families are in receipt of benefits, nor eligible for the school clothing grant but simply exist on low wages.

El Other incidences are those of children and their families fleeing domestic abuse, moving to a new area and new schools, causing the need for a completely new uniform.