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**Dear Parent/Carer** 

## Subject: School Uniform Grants Available for All Key Stages

Please find information sent to us from Haringey council re Uniform grant.

## Information from the Fashion & Textile Children's Trust: www.ftct.org.uk

Our trade charity offers school uniform grants for children aged 18 and under, whose parents are financially struggling and who have worked at some point for a fashion or textile business. Our criteria is much broader than it sounds and includes employers such as **supermarkets**, **laundrettes**, **dry cleaners and some delivery drivers**. We are encouraging parents to apply now for September school uniforms and computer equipment for school age children, if they don't have access to one at home. Read on for more details.

## About our grants

Our grants can help families who are struggling to afford the cost of school uniform and study essentials for their children (aged 18 years and under) from early years to secondary, sixth form and vocational college too.

## Who can apply:

To apply for an FTCT grant, the child's parent or carer must have recently worked for a UK fashion or textile company.

This includes parents or caregivers who have worked for:

- Supermarkets which sell clothing (ASDA, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, etc)
- Clothing companies (Matalan, NEXT, M&S, TK Maxx)
- Homeware and soft furnishing companies (IKEA, Dunelm Mill, DFS, etc.)
- Laundry companies and high street laundrettes
- Delivery companies and distribution centres for clothing and textile brands (e.g. Hermes drivers, etc.)
- · Garment manufacturers and wholesalers for both fashion and fabrics.
- Haberdashery shops, fabrics shops or sellers.

And many more.

To apply, the parent must have worked for the company for at least ONE YEAR within the last NINE YEARS. The work must have been paid and they must be able to show proof of this employment. Visit our website to find out more about our criteria.

#### What we fund

- · School Uniform (including nurseries which require uniform)
- PE Kit
- Footwear
- Sixth Form Clothing (e.g. general clothing and/or if formal attire is required)
- College Clothing (e.g. specialist clothing for vocational courses
- General clothing for all children aged 0-18 years
- Study Essentials (e.g. schoolbag, stationery, books, etc)
- Course equipment (e.g. to support vocational courses)

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# Funding for laptops and tablets

We can fund computers for school age children, who don't have access to one at home. Laptops for secondary school age children and tablets for primary school age children.

### **Special Education Needs**

We can fund a wide range of equipment and therapy for children with SEN educational needs. From adapted iPads to learning aids and therapy sessions, we can tailor support to suit a child's needs. Find out more about SEN grants on our website.

#### How to apply

Parents or caregivers who meet our trade criteria and would like to apply for a grant must complete our enquiry form on our website <u>www.ftct.org.uk</u>