



13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Coats4Kids Shoreham was formed, last year, by some community leaders to pass on warm, waterproof and machine washable coats both second hand and new to children who need them most. The group consists of representatives from the Lions International, the Co-op Community Space, one of the local churches and a teacher.

Latest figures from the Child Poverty Action Group show that one in four children live in poverty. Of those one in seven won't have an adequate coat for winter and we know that some families struggle with uniform costs. This type of poverty is hidden behind closed doors and occurs in both unemployed and employed families. We are coming together as a community to help each other.

For us to be able to do this we would like to ask for any coats, hats, gloves and scarves that your child/children have grown out of that are warm, waterproof and machine washable to be donated to their school. We are collecting these items for 2 to 11 year olds.

The Lions will be collecting these from each school on Monday 30th October so please ensure that they are brought into school by this date. They will then be taken to a central place to be sorted in age groups, ready to be distributed to families who need them.

If you know of anyone who would like to donate more coats, hats, scarves and gloves please let me know so that I can pass the details onto the group.

We will be sending out details to all schools about where you, as a parent, can get a coat from when they are all ready to be distributed.

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