

# Community Stars – School Uniform Shop

## A unique approach for uniforms

For many young families, the rising cost of living means they have to decide between buying new school uniforms for their children or putting food on the table.



St Luke's Methodist Church is part of a group of churches that have come together to create Free Uniform for Secondary Schools (FUSS), a project that supplies school clothing for families living on The Wirral Peninsula.

The group has installed donation drums in primary and secondary schools across the region, asking parents to donate clothing they no longer need. When the drums are full, volunteers come and remove the clothes, then wash them and carry out any repairs to make the clothes as good as new again.

Families can pick out any items they need at the FUSS community hub or

at the group's shop in Birkenhead. Everything is provided free of charge, and the project is helping countless families while cutting down on waste too.

“ Last summer I went to donate a whole set of grammar school clothes to a family and the father collapsed in tears. He said that he thought they were going to have to tell their son that he couldn't go to grammar school. ”

**Andy Kemp**  
Wirral FUSS Development Coordinator

### Church details

- St Luke's Methodist Church, Hoylake, Wirral
- Wirral Circuit, Liverpool District
- Average congregation: 80

### What you'll need

- Volunteers to wash, mend and sort clothing
- Lots and lots of storage space
- Donation drums
- Clothes hangers
- Plastic bags – ask your congregation to collect them!

### Clothing by numbers

#### In just one year the project:

- Helped 1,600 families
- Donated 9,000 items of school clothing
- Prevented 4.2 tonnes of waste



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