



## AGS Swap Shop

**Employer: Acklam Grange Secondary School**

**Area: Cost Of living sustainability**

**Theme: Financial Wellbeing**



The first AGS Swap Shop was introduced in August 2023. The idea was born from a member of staff who said her and her colleagues, at times swap clothes that are no longer wanted, required or that individual was having a general clear out.

So began the first swap shop. Staff were told they could bring in any, good quality clothes and swap them for something else. Completely FREE. We had staff bring in 9 large bags of clothes and shoes, from across the school. These were put out on display in one of our more private rooms for 2 days. Staff could pop along at a time that suited them and take a look.



We were keen for this to be as private as possible to eliminate any feelings of judgement. So the room was completely unattended.

At the end of the 2 days, we had gone from 9 black bags down to only 3. These remaining 3 were then taken to a local charity shop and donated.

This turned out to be better received by staff than we originally thought. Moving forward, the same staff member who had the original idea to host it, has asked if we can hold a more seasonal swap shop, for instance a Christmas/Party Wear pop up.

This will be going ahead close to the Festive period!

