

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

### **Clothes Collection for Wullinkamma School in The Gambia**

Edwinstree is looking to collect brand-new (or almost brand-new) clothes for Wullinkamma Basic School in The Gambia. The school also runs aside a nursery school and also a small health clinic. Mr Galanides has visited this school and knows they are particularly in need of clothing for children between 8 to 12 years, although clothes for younger children would also be welcome.

The school has over 1000 children up to 12 years of age and supports the local community near Brufat, which is about an hour away from Banjul, the capital of The Gambia. The cost of shipping clothes to The Gambia is expensive, so we are looking to start by sending just 2 or 3 large suitcases full.

To ensure we are not overrun, we would kindly request that you restrict donations to:

- New or nearly-new clothes.
- Lightweight clothes that can be folded into a small space. No bulky clothes such as coats or bulky jumpers; The Gambia has a much warmer climate than our own.
- Underwear is welcome but must be brand new.
- If you are looking to donate more than a few items of clothing please email Mr Galanides beforehand on: [hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

Given the shipping costs, we are a little scared of getting inundated and so we want to restrict the amount of clothing we receive initially. Once we know that we're not inundated then we'll put another article into a future Newsletter.

Finally if you have any very large lightweight suitcases (or something similar for shipping) then please email Mr Galanides.

We will be placing a clothes bin by the main reception to receive these clothes.

Thank you.

