



# Dress down

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

to raise money for Real Change



Dear Parents and Carers,

Children and young people across Wigan Borough are backing a campaign to help end homelessness.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June all schools are being encouraged to take part in a non-uniform day in return for each pupil donating £1 to Real Change Wigan and Leigh. We would like our pupils at Westfield Community School to participate in this borough wide event.

Launched last year in the borough, Real Change is a charity which supports people who are homeless to rebuild their lives.

Real Change pays for practical items people need to build independent lives away from the streets. It may provide a deposit for a home, fund a training course or buy clothes for a job interview.

All donations to Real Change go into one pot which is then distributed with the help of local charities and partners, including The Brick and Jigsaw Housing, so people can be confident their donation is going to the right place and will make a difference.

Staff from Wigan Council are also taking part in the day to show their support and to boost funds.

Cllr Terry Halliwell, cabinet member for welfare and homelessness, said: "Taking part in the non-uniform day is a very simple but effective way to raise awareness and hopefully a significant amount of money for Real Change.

"Tackling homelessness is more than just offering a bed for the night. It's about supporting people, understanding their circumstances and helping them to rebuild their lives.

"By donating to Real Change you can be assured your money is going to help the people who really need it. We'd encourage people to give differently if they do want to do their bit to help."

For more information about the charity please contact: [info@realchangewiganandleigh.co.uk](mailto:info@realchangewiganandleigh.co.uk)

We hope you will support us in raising funds for this worthwhile cause. All pupils may come in non-school uniform on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June and we ask in return that you provide a donation towards the charity – please send this money in with your child on the non-uniform day.

Thank you in advance for your valued support,

Your sincerely,

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