

12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to you as one of our parents Sam Thompson has been in touch about an initiative that Clarks Shoes do, which we are hoping to support, which involves donating shoes.

Unicef and leading shoe brand, Clarks, have worked in partnership to keep children safe since 2008.

In that time, Clarks have contributed to transforming children's lives through shoeSHARE, gathering old or unwanted shoes at collection points in more than 450 Clarks stores nationwide. For every tonne of shoes, a donation is made to Unicef which goes towards education programmes around the world.

To date, the partnership has raised an incredible £1 million. More than 59 million children of primary school age are still not in education. This is just under the population of the UK. Clarks are helping Unicef to continue providing basic resources such as pens and pencils so children have the right tools to learn, but also support in training teachers and work with governments to ensure the quality and standard of education remains high and children are leaving school able to read and write.

### **Donate your shoes**

You can help ShoeSHARE to reach even more children by donating your old or unwanted shoes to a Clarks store. Your shoes will help to change children's lives. Rather than everyone taking their shoes individually, Newington CEP School is asking you to donate any unwanted shoes to school. Please bring these in on any of the following days: - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Sam Thompson has kindly offered to then take these shoes to Clarks on our behalf.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Trudi Godfrey

Head of School