**News Release**

**Autism Jersey announce new and used**

**school unifom partnership with Marks & Spencer Jersey**

Autism Jersey has partnered with Marks and Spencer Jersey in a joint campaign that will save on the cost of purchasing new school uniforms for some families, and help other families obtain good quality used school uniforms at a greatly reduced price.

The idea is that families can go into Autism Jersey’s ‘Boutique’ shop at 13 The Parade and donate their old (but still wearable) school uniforms to the charity. In return, a 10% off new school uniform voucher will be given to use in the M&S King Street store. The donated uniforms will be processed by Autism Jersey volunteers who will ensure the donated stock is in good condition, clean and well presented.

**Lesley Harrison, Head of Charitable Services** “We are delighted to be able to work with the team at M&S Jersey to support those with school age children and help make their money go a little further in the current financial climate. We’re also delighted this scheme will be supporting our ethical and environmental values through the recycling of pre-loved clothing through our Autism Jersey Boutique.”

**Stephen Forrester-Le Lai, Managing Director M&S Jersey** “We are really pleased to work with Autism Jersey on this brilliant initiative which forms part of our commitment to local charities, local children and our environment. We hope many families will take advantage by supporting this scheme which will help improve recycling, reduce the price of new uniforms and offer other families the opportunity to obtain great value, recycled uniforms.”

Parents are requested to donate good quality uniforms to Autism Jersey by the 15th of August and use the 10% off school uniforms’ vouchers at M&S King Street by 30th of September.

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**Background:**

Autism Jersey is a locally registered charity, which enables people on the autism spectrum to achieve their full potential by advocating for an inclusive community and providing personalised services to individuals, families and carers.

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