



## Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to share some exciting news, this year our school has made the decision to continue our work on Eco-Schools. Last year we successfully gained the Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation with merit and now proudly display our green flag for all to see! You can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.

The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, represented by ten Eco-Schools topics. Once young people have chosen their topics, they decide what actions they would like to take and how they are going to involve their school and community.

The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994, is delivered in more than 70 countries around the world and in England is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example schools participating in the programme planted 37,865 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our Eco-school newsletter and on our website; and increasingly conscientious young people.

I hope you're just as excited as us about continuing our Eco-Schools journey - if you would like to find out more, or get involved, please feel free to contact me directly.

Please see overleaf to see our first steps in working towards the Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation.

**Mrs Smith, Eco-Coordinator**



## Dear Parent/ Carer,

Is your child interested in helping the environment? Then perhaps they would like to be on the eco committee? The children have had an assembly today about the eco schools' initiative and learnt about what this involves.

If this is something your child would like to be a part of, please complete the form via the link or fill out the form below and return by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

<https://forms.office.com/r/UYeuKAHWsU>

Their answers for why they would like to be on the eco committee and the ideas they have which would make our school, and school community, more eco-friendly will then be shared with their class who will vote for their chosen representative.

If chosen your child will attend monthly meetings (during school time), they will be involved in the running and keeping of minutes for the monthly meeting, their photo and name will be displayed upon our school eco board, they will receive a badge to keep and wear with pride, share ideas and help to make our school, and our school community, more eco-friendly and share this with their class.

If this is something you would also like to be involved in, then please do let us know.

Thank you for your support

Mrs E Smith

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Name:

Class:

Why would you like to be selected for our school's eco-committee?

Please share two ideas you have for making our school or our school's community more eco-friendly.

1.

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*Please feel free to practise saying these at home with your child so they are happy and confident in talking to their class about their ideas. We can't wait to hear them!*