

Subject: Request for Reduction of Single-Use Plastics at School

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to bring an important issue to your attention that affects both our school environment and the wider community.

Recently, we have noticed an increasing amount of litter on school grounds, particularly in and around our pond and green spaces. A significant portion of this waste consists of single-use plastics items such as disposable water bottles, plastic bags, snack wrappers, and straws. Not only does this litter spoil our school environment, but it also poses a threat to the wildlife in our pond and beyond.

As a school community, we are committed to fostering responsible habits in our students, and environmental awareness is a key part of this. To help address this growing concern, we kindly ask for your support in reducing the use of single-use plastics where possible. Here are a few simple steps that can make a big difference:

1. **Reusable Water Bottles:** Please encourage your child to bring a reusable water bottle instead of disposable plastic ones. We have water stations around the school where students can refill their bottles.
2. **Eco-Friendly Lunchboxes:** Consider using reusable containers for snacks and lunches rather than plastic wrap or bags.
3. **Avoid pre-prepared snack items** and replace with fruit or vegetables
4. **Avoid Single-Use Packaging:** Where possible, opt for products with less packaging or those that use recyclable materials.

By making these small changes, we can collectively reduce the amount of plastic waste on school grounds, help protect our local wildlife, and set a positive example for our students about caring for the environment.

In addition, can I remind you of our healthy snacks and packed lunches policy attached. Please refamiliarize yourself with this.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter. Together, we can make our school a cleaner, greener and healthier place for everyone.

Kind regards,

Ms Claire Redwood

Helpful websites:

<https://zerowastefamily.com/packing-zero-waste-healthy-lunch-box>

<https://www.treehugger.com/how-pack-litter-free-school-lunch-4856164>