

Eco Defenders

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Trust, we are aiming to make our schools more environmentally friendly. In our first meeting, the Head Girls and Boys from across the Whinless Down Academy Trust joined and formed a group now known as 'The Eco Defenders'.

We have three focus areas for development:

- ◆ to conserve energy
- ◆ to reduce single-use plastics
- ◆ to reduce the amount of food wastage.



Our first part of this project is the aim to reduce the amount of plastic that is used within our three schools. This week, we have been asking children to put their single-use plastic bottles from their lunch boxes (Fruit Shoot, Hydro, Water Splash etc.) into a separate bin, so that we can total the number of bottles used in a week.

To try to reduce waste and be more eco friendly, next term we will be offering a variety of drinks (water, squash and milk) in the lunch hall over the course of a week; this will mean that children will no longer have to bring in their single-use bottles. In addition to this, each child in Year 1 to Year 6 will be provided with their own re-useable, recyclable bottle for use within school to eliminate single-use drink bottles across our Trust.

We hope that you will support us on this journey and get on board with putting an end to the use of single-use plastic drink bottles within our schools.

Yours sincerely,

The Eco Defenders of the WDAT.