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Dear Parents/Carers

Culcheth High School has always been and will be an environmentally friendly school. As an Eco-School Silver Award School, we have devised an 'Eco-Code' for the school and constantly review the school practices that impact on the school, local and global environment.

You can read more on our school website <http://culchethhigh.org.uk/eco-schools/>

Working with our Student Leadership Group, Catering Academy, local community groups and industry partners, we have identified a huge increase in the use of 'single use plastics' including the vastly increased use of plastic bottles in school.

It has been well documented recently that the effect of these plastics on our environment is having a detrimental effect on a number of areas. Some of the key issues with 'single use plastics' are:

1. They are made from fossil fuels
2. They leave a huge carbon footprint
3. They will still be here in hundreds of years
4. Only a tiny percentage are recycled
5. Potentially releases toxins into food and drink
6. Potentially leads to health issues
7. They are heavily polluting the oceans and seas
8. They are killing and harming marine animals and birds
9. They could enter the food chain

To reduce the impact of the single use plastics at Culcheth High School and for our environment, we have either already completed or/and plan to do the following:

1. Increase the number of water points in school for student and staff use to refill their water bottles;
2. Catering Academy will review its use of plastics and will drastically reduce and replace, where possible, the plastic products;
3. From September 2018, no 'single use plastic bottles' will be allowed in school to be used by staff and students (plastic water bottles, Lucozade bottles, etc.);
4. Staff and students will need to use a medium sized re-fillable sports bottle in school;
5. Any student who cannot get a medium sized re-usable sports bottle will be provided one by the school with the support of our industry partners;
6. The Student Leadership Group will continue to review school practices to ensure that we continue to be a pro-active Eco-School.

Culcheth High School is proud to be an Eco-School Silver Award School and will continue to work towards ensuring our school community is proactive and effective in promoting environmentally friendly approaches to everything we do in our school and local community.

Yours faithfully

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