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Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Miss Addy, I am the GMS's Eco-Committee Lead. I am writing to you to share some positive news: this year our school has decided to work towards Eco-Schools' Green Flag accreditation. For further information please see <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

Eco-Schools began in 1994 and is the largest educational programme on the planet. (There are currently 70 countries delivering the Eco-Schools programme around the world.) In England, it is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The Eco-Schools programme focuses on empowering young people to be ecologically aware.

In our school, we don't want our student body to avoid, ignore, shy away or cower from the environmental challenges we currently face. Instead, we want to openly discuss the problems and tackle them together, head-on. Through this approach, we hope to make a positive difference now. By empowering our students with the knowledge and skills required to make a positive difference, they will grow to become leaders, decision-makers and educators themselves.

You may be reading this and wonder, 'How does this impact me?' Over the coming months, you may notice your son or daughter becoming more interested in environmental issues. Communication is essential to success, so I just wanted to keep you informed of the projects that the students are working on and ask for your support at home.

The students meet weekly, on Mondays, during break 1. We have several projects in the pipeline including a wilding project (bee hotels), horticulture, and waste/recycling management.

To help us succeed in securing Eco-Schools' Green Flag accreditation, we ask for your support in the projects we are pursuing. Below is a list of items we require. If you can help, we would be extremely grateful. We have set up a parent pay account for any donations.

Gardening Equipment. If you have gardening equipment that you no longer require at home, we would love to have it! At present, we have no tools or sweeping brushes, other than the ones owned by staff. Should you have redundant gardening equipment that you are willing to donate, please contact me, Miss Addy, to arrange a drop-off. Please do not send your son/daughter in with the equipment.

Morrisons Equipment for Schools. If you shop at Morrisons, could you help us by collecting the "Gardening Equipment for Schools" tokens, and going through the app to donate them to our school?

Purchasing of Wildflower Seeds. Currently, we have two plots of land in the school grounds selected for wildflower seeding, which need around 70 boxes of seed. Flowerland in Bourne End have been generous in donating over a £1000 worth of plants, but we require more. If you can help us, possibly by purchasing from Flowerland, it would be much appreciated, especially if you mention you are buying for GMS. All wildflower seeds brought in by students will be planted to support the Green Flag accreditation.



I hope you're as excited about our Eco-Schools journey as everyone at school is - if you would like to find out more, or become involved, please feel free to contact me directly.

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