

# Grove Road Primary School



Environment Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June is Environment Day. As we have done in previous years, we will be going 'Totally Unplugged' for the day, but this year we are also going plastic free too. This means we are aiming to use no **single use plastic** for the entire day.

## Choose to Refuse

This idea behind Environment Day has been influenced by the challenge Plastic Free July. Plastic Free July aims to raise awareness of the problems with single-use disposable plastic and challenges people to do something about it. This is a movement that aims to avoid landfill waste, reduce our eco-footprint and protect the ocean. The challenge has gathered significant momentum over recent years, especially thanks to reports about the effect plastic is having on our environment being raised by programmes such as Blue Planet. Joining the challenge is simple, choose to refuse single-use plastic during July! To find out more about Plastic Free July and to get involved yourself, please visit [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org).

At Grove Road we will be limiting our single use plastic as well as switching off as many electrical items in the school as it is safe to do so; including lights, whiteboards, computers and even the kitchen appliances, so the cooks will be making a picnic lunch for all the school dinner children (not wrapped in plastic!). The office will be running a reduced service and as such, we ask that parents only phone in an emergency, allowing the office to participate as fully as possible in this experiment. However, there are certain health and safety considerations that cannot be ignored and we would like to reassure you that throughout the day, alarms, phones and hot running water will remain switched on.

In addition to our usual electricity free activities, this year children will be looking at ways of reducing plastic use and waste. For example; writing a persuasive letter to Tesco asking them to reduce their plastic packaging or turning an old t-shirt into a shopping bag

For those of you keen to join in with the spirit of this adventure, we would like to invite you to participate. The children and staff will be challenged to start their Environment Day experience at 8am and continue until 8pm. Children will be awarded 1 house point for every half hour they manage to go electricity free out of schools hours plus 1 house point for every solution they come up with for avoiding single use plastic. This will be counted as their Home Learning for the week, but parents will need to sign the table on the reverse of this letter, for each half hour successfully completed. Children attending Owls Club will also be taking part and this will count towards their out of school Environment Challenge.

We would love to hear what you do and how you overcome any challenge, as well as any positive impact on your family time!

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## Environment Day Home Learning Challenge!

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Pupil Name:

House:

Hours spent without using electricity	Signed by parent/carer
<b>Before School</b>	
8:00-8:30	
8:30-9:00	
<b>After School</b>	
3:30-4:00	
4:00-4:30	
4:30-5:00	
5:00-5:30	
5:30-6:00	
6:00-6:30	
6:30-7:00	
7:00-7:30	
7:30-8:00	

How I reduced single use plastic:



### The Top Four...

things to avoid when taking the Plastic Free July challenge

