



# The Woodlands Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to share some exciting news, this year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, you can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.

The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, represented by ten Eco-Schools topics. Once young people have chosen their topics, they decide what actions they would like to take and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor looking over a school's application and evidence, with a view to recognising and celebrating their achievements.

**As a starter we are taking part in the big battery count. For this academic year, we would be pleased to receive any used batteries. Please ensure these are bagged and handed in (please do not leave in pupils bags). The more we count in, the more prizes we can win for the school.**

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

E Pickles & K Rose  
Eco-Coordinators

