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Dear Parents/Carers.

MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY Recently, we have started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people and in England it is run by the environmental charity, Keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world as it is present in nearly 70 countries with millions of children participating. Our school is now part of this global community working to create environmental change for the benefit of our children and future generations.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers children, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and can also lead to financial saving. Being an active member of the programme will be something your child will remember for the rest of their life. As a school, the children in each class have already voted for an eco- school representative. The class representatives meet as the eco-committee every half term. Their role is to coordinate and feedback the work we will be doing so the whole school are involved and participate in the eco-programme.

The programme focuses on ten important environmental topics which include; Biodiversity, Energy, Global Citizenship, Healthy Living, Litter, Marine, School Grounds, Transport, Waste and Water. Every school taking part in the Eco-Schools around the world programme, follows the same simple Seven Step framework. This usually takes schools between one and two academic years to complete. After achieving our first Green Flag, our school can continue in the programme and achieve multiple Green Flags whilst continuing to work on and promote environmental issues. One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage the whole school and its wider community.

If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills please contact us directly. If you are struggling for spare time, don't worry, we will keep you updated on our progress regularly and invite you to participate in Eco-Schools projects or events that the children organise, once it is safe to do so.

We hope you are as excited about our eco-journey as are the staff and children.

Yours sincerely,

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