



10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Court Lane Infant School – Eco Schools Accreditation

We are pleased to share with you that Court Lane Infant School has made the decision to work towards the [Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation](#).

It is the largest educational programme on the planet with 70 countries delivering the Eco-Schools programme around the world. In England it is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. It focuses on empowering young people to lead environmental education and action in their school, local community and beyond. It does this by providing a simple, seven-step framework that turns pupils into forward-thinking, decision-making, planet-protectors.

There are many reasons we have decided to embark on the journey to Eco-Schools Green Flag:

- Our planet is already feeling the catastrophic effects of climate change, plastic pollution, biodiversity loss and other environmental challenges.
- So our pupils will be aware of the challenges our planet faces, and will continue to face throughout their lifetime.
- To engage young people in conversations about these challenges and provide them with the skills needed to tackle these directly.
- It will help our school - it is proven Eco-Schools consume less water, use less energy and produce less waste, which also creates financial savings which can then be spent on important educational resources.

As part of the Climate Change Pause week last week, we formed an Eco-School committee to decide the environmental actions we will embark upon as a school.

Over the coming months you may notice: environmental hints and tips on our school newsletters; invites to litter-picks, community gardening days or other similar events; requests for donations of time, equipment or expertise; and, perhaps most noticeably, a young person in your home with a keen interest in all things environmental.

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 get involved, please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Houghton  
Eco-Coordinator

