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Dear Parents and Carers

At Hemingford Grey Primary School, we believe in empowering our children to use their voice to make a positive change. Last term, I was inspired by the passion and knowledge of one of our Year 4 children, Katie King, she expressed her wishes to make a difference to the planet. We increasingly hear that this is a priority for many of our young people. Katie and I set about finding out a little more and have committed to starting our journey to become an Eco-School.

Eco-Schools is a seven step framework that thousands of schools, nurseries and colleges around the world use to introduce, manage and complete environmental actions in their organisation and local community. Uniquely, the Seven Steps aim to place young people at the heart of these environmental actions. This approach engages, motivates and empowers young people to care for our planet now and throughout their lifetimes.

When a school, nursery or college has worked through each of the Seven Steps, they can then apply for Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. The Eco-Schools Green Flag is international and recognised by organisations such as UNESCO. It is a symbol of a school's commitment to environmental education.



STEP 1. Form a Committee

The Eco-Committee is responsible for carrying out the initial and subsequent Environmental Reviews and for preparing an Action Plan for the whole school to engage in. Pupil members of the committee are responsible for bringing ideas from the rest of the pupils to the committee and reporting back results of committee meetings to all the classes in the school. We also wish for the committee to comprise of parent and carers, a governor and staff representatives. This is where we need you! If you feel you share Katie's passion and think this is a small school project that interests you and you could contribute to, please get in touch with myself via email DJones@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk to find out more and arrange a chat. Regular meetings will take place, one per half term, will be organised to discuss environmental action for the school however, parent and carer representatives will not be required at all meetings so please do not let this put you off.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Miss Jones and Katie

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