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Dear Parents/Carers,

Green Flag Award: Eco-School

Recently, we have started the journey to become an international Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness among young people and is run by the environmental charity keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world present in 67 countries and 52,000 schools; Backwell School is now part of this global community working to create environmental change for the benefit of future generations.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers students, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and can also lead to financial savings for schools. Being an active member of the programme will be something our students will remember for the rest of their lives.

The programme focuses on ten important global issues:

1. Biodiversity
2. Energy
3. Global Citizenship
4. Healthy Living
5. Litter
6. Marine
7. School Grounds
8. Transport
9. Waste
10. Water

Every school taking part in the Eco-Schools programme follows the same simple [Seven Step framework](#) that takes schools between one and two academic years to complete. After achieving our first 'Green Flag', Backwell can continue in the programme to gain multiple Green Flags. One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage a whole school and its wider community – which is why we have taken the time to inform you about our participation.

If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills please contact us using the school email address mailbox@backwellschool.net. If you are struggling for spare time, don't worry we will keep you updated on our progress regularly and invite you to any Eco-Schools projects or events that the students decide to organise.

We are very excited to begin this journey and would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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