

Possible School initiatives to reduce waste and improve recycling

Possible initiatives which could be introduced within your school to reduce waste and improve recycling can be divided into those that apply to the school as a whole and those that apply to specific areas of the school (for example, school office, catering facilities, offices and office equipment/classrooms).

Many of the initiatives are straightforward and simple to implement, and they should be implemented gradually to avoid any significant change.

The school as a whole

- ☐ Repair broken items where it is safe to do so and where possible or engage with online services within the local area between schools, nurseries, playgroups, community centres and other similar organisations to share unwanted items;
- ☐ Donate unwanted school equipment to charities and non-for-profit organisations which can find reuse opportunities in developing countries;
- ☐ Send old and broken IT equipment to organisations which can refurbish for reuse;
- ☐ Find the local “re-use network” which could have links to others who could reuse equipment;
- ☐ For wooden furniture there may be a local Wood Recycling Project - www.communitywoodrecycling.org.uk refurbishes unwanted furniture for reuse and resale;
- ☐ Avoid the use of disposable items such as paper or plastic cups and paper towels;

☐ Provide water fountains and promote the use of reusable drinking bottles.

School Office

- ☐ Set all printers to double sided printing;
- ☐ Ensure paper purchased for the school have a high recycled content (for example paper which is FSC certified);
- ☐ Encourage electronic communication where practical to reduce paper use;
- ☐ Participate in mobile phone, printer cartridge and battery recycling schemes;
- ☐ Participate in reuse schemes for scrap paper and craft materials like Scrap Store UK - www.scrapstoresuk.org
- ☐ Liaise with the School Parent Partnership group for reuse opportunities for unwanted uniforms.