

# It's time to GO GREEN in school

## Our recycling pledge:

**AS PUPILS:**

- WE WILL TEACH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ABOUT RECYCLING WASTE.
- WE WILL BRING OUR RECYCLABLES TO SCHOOL.
- WE WILL SEPARATE OUR RECYCLING INTO BINS.

**AS A SCHOOL:**

- WE PLEDGE TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE.
- TOGETHER, WE WILL REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND RECOVER.



### RECYCLE

## The 4 Rs can help us to find better ways to manage our litter:

- 1 REDUCE** – CUT DOWN THE AMOUNT OF LITTER WE PRODUCE (E.G. BUY PRODUCTS IN BULK THAT ARE MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIAL AND USE CANVAS BAGS INSTEAD OF PLASTIC PACKETS FOR SHOPPING).
- 2 REUSE** – FIND WAYS TO USE THINGS AGAIN THAT WE WOULD NORMALLY THROW AWAY, RATHER THAN BUYING NEW THINGS (E.G. OLD TYRES CAN BE USED TO GROW FLOWERS AND WE CAN REUSE PLASTIC OR GLASS BOTTLES INSTEAD OF NEW ONES, WHICH USE UP MORE RAW MATERIALS).
- 3 RECYCLE** – RECYCLE THE RUBBISH THAT CANNOT BE REUSED. COLLECT ALL YOUR RUBBISH, SORT IT INTO ITS DIFFERENT CATEGORIES (PAPER, GLASS, METAL, PLASTIC, OTHER), AND THEN PUT IT IN THE CORRECT RECYCLE BINS OR TAKE IT TO A BUY-BACK CENTRE. IT IS THEN USED TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS (E.G. ALUMINIUM FROM USED COLDRINK CANS CAN BE RECYCLED TO MAKE OTHER ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS).
- 4 RECOVER** – CONVERT WASTE INTO RESOURCES (SUCH AS ELECTRICITY, HEAT, COMPOST AND FUEL) THROUGH THERMAL AND BIOLOGICAL MEANS.

## What is recycling?



Recycling means taking the materials from products you have used and using them to make new products.



**Are you making a difference?**

Section 24 of the South African Constitution states:  
"Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being."

## Why should I recycle?



Because it takes:

- Fewer resources
- Less money
- Less energy

And it causes less pollution.

## Recycling at School

	<b>PAPER</b> (CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPERS, AND MAGAZINES)		<b>GLASS</b> (CONTAINERS, JARS AND BOTTLES)
	<b>METAL</b> (FOOD AND DRINK CANS)		<b>POLYSTYRENE</b> (WHITE TAKEAWAY CUPS AND FOOD CONTAINERS)
	<b>PLASTICS</b> (BAGS, CONTAINERS AND BOTTLES)		<b>TETRA PAK</b> (FOIL-LINED CONTAINERS/ CARTONS, E.G. MILK AND JUICE BOXES)

**WAXED CARDBOARD**

**CHIP BAGS**

**FOOD SCRAPS**

**LOLLY WRAPPERS**

## Pack a waste-free lunch

**WE PLEDGE TO SAVE OUR PLANET'S RESOURCES BY PROMOTING A CULTURE OF RECYCLING.**

**REDUCE:**

- BE WASTE-FREE

**REUSE:**

- REFILLABLE DRINK BOTTLES
- REUSABLE LUNCH BOXES, FORKS, PLASTIC BAGS, SPOONS AND KNIVES
- CLOTH NAPKINS

**RECYCLE:**

- FOOD SCRAPS
- PAPER BAGS
- GLASS BOTTLES
- ALUMINIUM CANS



Remember to separate your waste at source!