

Pledges

Please note the following points before choosing your pledge;


- Please choose 1 pledge only (regardless of the number of Waste Education Programmes that you choose) and write the letter of the pledge in the box on Waste Education Programmes booking form
- If the school is visited by the Waste Education Team in the future (i.e. in a different term) you will be asked to choose a different pledge
- Pledges recommended for specific Waste Education Programmes are marked with a * and the details noted under 'Additional Information'
- The school can choose whether the pledge is implemented by a particular class, year group, Key Stage or the whole school
- The pledge should be completed within 6 weeks of the Waste Education Team visit (excluding holidays)
- You will be sent a short evaluation form about 3 weeks after the visit which you will be asked to complete and return to the team at the end of the 6 weeks
- The school will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the pledge and Waste Education Team visit evaluation form

| Letter | Pledge | Additional Information |
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| A | Contact your local council to find out about recycling collections for schools in your area. | Contact details for your local council can be found at www.essexcc.gov.uk/WasteEducation - follow the link to 'Primary schools' and look under 'Related links'. |
| B | *Set up a school composting scheme. | This pledge can only be chosen by schools choosing either the KS1 or 2 'What Rot' programmes. The school will be provided with a free compost bin by ECC. For a teachers' composting handbook which includes information on how to set up a composting scheme and teaching resources to bring composting into the classroom visit www.littlerotters.org.uk . |
| C | Print all letters sent out by the school office double-sided to reduce paper usage. | Find out how to change the printer settings to print double-sided by default. |
| D | Buy recycled paper for use in the office. | It's a myth that recycled paper is of a lesser quality than non-recycled paper! |

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| E | Sign up to the LM Barry 'Shoe Friends and Clothes Collectors' scheme. | LM Barry is a private clothing and textiles reuse and recycling firm. The school are provided with free bins and sacks in which to collect clothes and shoes. The sacks are collected from the school free of charge and schools will receive payment for items collected. For more information visit www.lmb.co.uk . |
| F | Sign up to the 'Yellow Woods Challenge' | The 'Yellow Woods Challenge' aims to divert old Yellow Pages directories from landfill by asking schools to collect them for recycling. The school will receive a Teachers' Toolkit which includes details of activities for pupils aged 4 to 14 years and resources for promoting the scheme. For more information visit www.yellow-woods.co.uk . |
| G | Sign up to Eco-Schools and work towards your green flag award for environmental performance. | Eco-Schools is an environmental award scheme for schools that covers a range of topics including waste and litter. For more information visit www.eco-schools.org.uk . |
| H | Sign up to Eastex, a material exchange scheme for schools, community groups and businesses. | Does your school have unwanted materials and items that could be reused by other schools? Does your school need materials like paper, card, furniture, IT, paint? If so Eastex may be able to help. Eastex works on the principle that one school's waste is another's raw material and brings together those that have unwanted materials and items with those that want them. To register visit www.eastex.org.uk/essex/register.asp . |
| I | Pupils that have taken part in the Waste Education Team visit to deliver a waste assembly to the school. | Facts and figures about waste and recycling can be found at www.recycleforessex.co.uk . |

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| J | Collect items for recycling on behalf of a charity. | Many charities offer prize or cash incentives to schools that collect items (e.g. old mobile phones and printer ink cartridges) for recycling on their behalf. Details of some of these schemes and how your school can get involved can be found at www.essexcc.gov.uk/WasteEducation - follow the link on the left hand side to 'Local and National Recycling Schemes'. Alternatively the school can select a charity recycling scheme of their own choice. |
| K | Incorporate the national recycling logo and strap line into school newsletters. | The logo and strap line shown below will be provided by the Waste Education Team:  |
| L | Pupils to write an article on the Waste Education Team visit for a school's newsletter. | Facts and figures about waste and recycling can be found at www.recycleforessex.co.uk . |
| M | *Hold a 'Waste free lunch challenge' day in school. | This pledge is recommended for schools choosing the KS2 'Pack-it' programme. Pupils are challenged to bring a waste free lunch to school. This can be run as a competition between classes by collecting and weighing any waste to see which class produces the least. Facilitator's notes will be provided by the Waste Education Team. |