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Dear families

I am writing to share an important update as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and to support our students in understanding the impact of our daily choices on the world around us.

At the end of the last academic year, all students were provided with a DCA reusable water bottle, and our new Year 7 cohort received one at the start of this academic year. We have listened to student feedback on this matter and, moving forward, students will be allowed to bring in and use their own reusable water bottles, provided they are not sports cap bottles.

We kindly request that students come to school with a reusable water bottle. They will have the opportunity to refill their bottles throughout the day at designated water stations located around the academy during social times. Please ensure that the water bottles are screw-top bottles rather than sports cap bottles, as the latter could potentially leak and create slip hazards within the academy. Students also have the opportunity to purchase drink cartons during break and lunch.

From Monday 10 March 2025, we will no longer issue paper cups for water during the school day. This initiative builds on our previous decision to stop selling drinks in plastic bottles at break and lunchtime.

Moving away from single-use plastic and paper cups is a crucial step in reducing waste and protecting our environment. It also serves as a practical lesson for our students about sustainability, responsibility, and the positive impact that small changes can make in our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Yale
Assistant Principal

