Start Point - Energy

Most of our energy in the UK comes from GAS (41%) which is non-renewable and causes pollution.

TASK:
Walk around school and look for signs that your school community is saving energy.

How many rooms around your school are empty and someone has remembered to turn all the lights off?

How many posters, stickers and signs can you find reminding people to save electricity?

How many rooms (which are being used) have lights off and are enjoying natural light instead?

The average school spends £27,000 a year on energy!

Start Point – Recycling

Every year, we throw away 7 billion plastic bottles in the UK!

TASK:
Walk around school and look for signs that your school community is recycling.

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How many recycling bins are there in the outside spaces, classrooms and offices?

How many different things are you recycling – plastic, paper, cardboard etc.

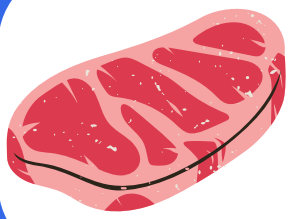
How many posters, displays, stickers or reminders are there to help people with recycling?

Recycling paper saves almost 80% of the energy needed to make paper from new raw materials.

Start Point - Food

Bread is the most common food that we throw away - 24 million slices every day!

TASK:
Visit the school kitchen and classrooms to find out how your school community is making eco food choices.



How many people eat no meat or only eat meat sometimes?

How many people who have a lunch box have home grown or home made food?

How many people eat all their lunch most days?

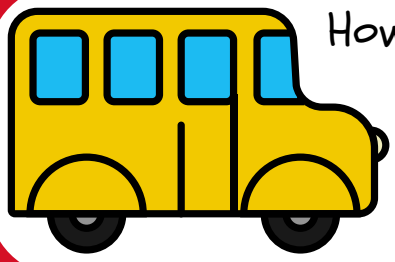
75% of our food comes from just 12 plant and 5 animal species.

Start Point - Eco Friendly Choices

Since the pandemic, more of us in the UK care about our planet - 52%.

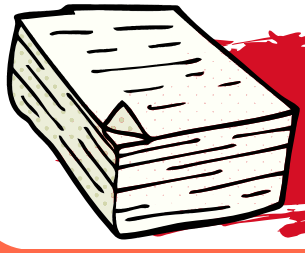
TASK:
Walk around school and find the eco-friendly choices being made in your school community.

How many people are wearing something second hand/pre-loved uniform etc.

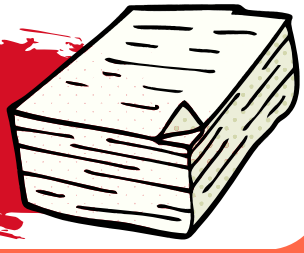


How many people travel to school by bus, bike or walk?

How many classrooms collect scrap paper or use recycled paper?



In the UK we recycle 80% of our paper.

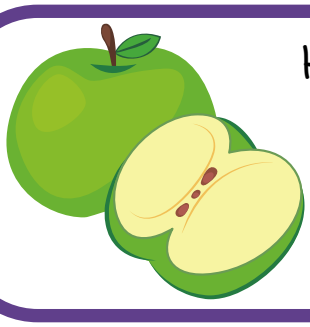


Start Point – Single Use Plastic

Humans buy 1,00,000 plastic bottles every minute!

TASK:
Walk around school and find out how your school community is avoiding single use plastic.

How many people have a reusable drink bottle?



How many people have a plastic free snack and/or lunchbox?

In the canteen – how many of these utensils are reusable (tick):

Plates:
Cups:
Knives, forks and spoons:

Bamboo is a popular alternative to plastic – it's the fastest growing plant on the planet!