

# School Recycling Role Play

## HEAD TEACHER

By getting the whole school recycling and reducing the amount of rubbish we produce, we could save the school money.

We could sign up to the 'Recycle for Hampshire' schools challenge leader board and compete against other schools to win prizes.

There would be a lot of work involved in getting the whole school to recycle. I would have to convince the caretaker, the cleaning staff, the teachers and all of the children.

I really don't know much about recycling, how would we get started? Would we have to buy new bins for every classroom – that would be very expensive!

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## TEACHER

We could create a scrap paper box and only throw things away couldn't be used for anything else.

I normally recycle at home, so it shouldn't be a problem to recycle at school. It really would be great not to create as much waste and teach the kids about how to look after their environment at the same time.

I would have to have several bins scattered around the classroom and would never be able to throw anything away – the classroom would be a terrible mess!

If we had to collect the children's fruit leftovers for composting everyday, it would make a horrible smell, and I would be left having to take it to the compost bin everyone afternoon. I haven't got time for that.

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## SCHOOL OFFICE

It would be great to get recycling, I've seen loads of recycled products in the county supplies magazine. We could purchase recycled paper, recycled toilet roll and even recycled pencils for the kids!

I would have to ask the head teacher, but we could invest in a double sided photo copier and printer, to save paper.

I would have to sort out separate waste and recycling collections for the school- that's more paper work to do!

I've just been given a list of hints and tips for recycling and saving energy around the school. Photocopying double sided, only printing things out when their needed, buying recycled products – I've been buying the same things for years, why should I have to start buying different things now, the stuff we buy at the moment it perfectly fine.

## THE CARETAKER

It's about time we started recycling, seeing the amount of rubbish going in the bins each week is quite worrying, especially when you think it may all have to go to landfill.

I've always thought we could build a school composting system. We end up with loads of apple cores and banana skins, and although that we make a very soggy compost mix, we could add some of the paper towels and ask the landscaping contractors to add the cut grass and leaves.

There's already enough work to be done, just emptying one bin per classroom. With a recycling collection as well, my work will take twice as long.

Where would we put a compost bin? It would smell and attract vermin.

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## THE KITCHEN STAFF

It would be wonderful if all of the vegetable peelings could go on the compost bin, rather than into the dustbin.

The children produce so much rubbish from their lunch boxes and a lot of it doesn't always make it to the bins. It would be really useful if they could think about reducing the amount of waste they bring in and working with their parents to produce a waste free lunch box.

We have to cook for hundreds of children, and it there's always so much to do before the children arrive, we haven't got time to be sorting out the rubbish into different bins.

Who will check the children's lunch boxes? They might try waste free lunches for a couple of days, but it won't last, they won't be able to go without their crisps and chocolate bars.

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## PUPILS

Recycling is really easy, I do it at home, so I don't see why we can't do it at school as well.

The teachers would be able to sort out the rubbish in the classrooms, the dinner ladies could sort the food scraps and the caretaker could compost the school's green waste and make put the rubbish and recycling into the correct collection bins.

I can't be bothered to recycle, it's takes enough time to have to go over to the bins to put our rubbish in at break time, I haven't got time to sort it as well, I would be missing out on valuable football time.

I don't see why we have to recycle, as long as the rubbish goes into the bin!

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## PARENTS

It would be good if the school could teach the children about recycling, we could then make it into a job for children to take charge of at home.

Although we are keen to recycle, I often forget, so it would be useful if the children were able to remind me.

I'm not sure about the 'waste free lunch' idea – It would take a lot of planning whilst out shopping and when packing their lunches in the morning, and I don't always have much time!

Our children should be spending more time learning proper subjects; Maths, English, Science, I don't know why the school wastes time teaching the kids to recycle!