

Dear Miss Freestone,

I am writing to you because I think the school should have a gardening club, which will help keep the school grounds looking nice.

Firstly, it will save money, because the members of the gardening club will help with the compost bins (that we want to use), so we can use the composted food to plant flowers and other plants instead of buying bags of soil and compost to grow seeds and plants in.

Secondly, it reduces the amount of food thrown away. It would be much eco-friendlier and more sustainable to reuse the food we throw away instead of it being wasted in a bin!

Lastly, this can help us all towards achieving our 11 before 11 badge to grow our own food! We can use our waste food to help us grow more. Being sustainable, resourceful, and active in our learning goals.

This is a list of food we can compost:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps.
- Tea bags, coffee grounds.
- Egg shells.
- Grass cuttings, prunings and leaves.
- Small amounts of shredded paper and soft cardboard.
- Animal hair.
- Vacuum dust (only from woollen carpets)
- Garden and pond plants.

This is a list of things to not compost:

- Liquids
- Grease
- Oils
- Fats

We have also written to Mr Phill and the kitchen staff to help us get the compost plans in place and get started with our project.

I hope you consider starting this club.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe (and the rest of the eco committee).

