



Offmore Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This academic year, we have introduced a new team called the “Eco Warriors” who are going to collaborate together to make Offmore (and the community around us) a more environmentally friendly place. This will enable us to become an Eco-School. It is comprised of children from Year 1 – Year 6 as well as members of staff: Mrs Jew, Miss Palmer, Miss Wakefield, Miss Allis and Mrs Lester.

At Offmore Primary School, we want to encourage our children to make green choices. We also want our staff, parents and wider community to join us on our journey and become more aware of environmental issues. We are mindful that we live in a disposable society and we need to teach our children about the long lasting and devastating effect that humans are having on our planet and how their choices can make an impact to improve this.

As a school, we are working alongside the Eco-Schools programme which is pupil-led, involving hands-on learning that gets the whole school and the wider community involved in exciting environmental projects. Pupils of all ages and abilities are encouraged to work together to develop their knowledge and environmental awareness. We use a cross curricular approach to educate our students across a wide range of issues from the biodiversity of life in their school and neighbourhood to their use of energy and water, both at school and at home, and how to deal with litter and waste. We would also like to see them become true global citizens where their personal impact can be felt on a much wider stage across the planet.

Our first project is to Cut Your Carbon within our community as part of the Eco Schools initiative throughout November. The Eco Warriors have shared the aims of this campaign with the children this week during assembly. **Did you know every year the planet absorbs and emits around 100 billion metric tons of carbon?**

Today, your child will come home with a Cut Your Carbon checklist, which as a family you can work towards completing. Every little bit helps so do not worry if you cannot complete them all! On the back of the checklist are examples of actions that you all can do to meet the goal. These checklists will need to be **returned by Monday 2nd December** so we can see all the amazing contributions you have made to cutting the carbon! Remember, not all of it needs to be completed for it to be sent back to school! We would love to see any photos of you taking action; please send these to Mrs Fuller in the office with the subject “Cut Your Carbon”.



If any of you feel very passionate about making our planet a better place, please let us know!

Kind regards,

The Eco Drive Team