



## ST PAUL'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

The use of plastic has become a serious problem across the world; with our oceans and its wild life being seriously damaged. According to London Zoo (ZSL) the world's oceans will have more plastic water bottles than fish by 2050.

The average Londoner buys 175 plastic bottles each year with many of these ending up in the River Thames and ultimately they flow out into the ocean. Once in the ocean, plastic remains there for hundreds of years, killing marine creatures, spoiling coastlines and damaging livelihoods.

Please see the following website for more information:

<https://www.onelessbottle.org>

There are a range of organisations and communities across London taking positive action. So far we have removed all polystyrene and plastic cups, china cups are now provided for drinks in the restaurant. From September we will be taking further action in how we can care for the environment, especially how we make water available to students.

As from September we will no longer be providing for sale water in plastic bottles in the restaurant, we will be championing a new refill culture for water with students using a refillable water bottle and not a throwaway, single-use bottle of water.

It will be the expectation that all students will be in possession of a suitable filled water container that can be topped up during the day from the newly installed fountains across the Campus. This water bottle will be viewed as part of their daily school equipment along with the School Planner, Swipe Card, Pencil Case and Reading Book. Drinking of water throughout the day is beneficial to students as it hydrates their brain and impacts positively on their learning.

Reusable aluminium canisters, which will be on sale in the Restaurant through Parent Pay at a cost of £2.20pm from 3 September 2018.

I hope you will join with me in supporting this venture with your child as a way of looking after our environment for ourselves as well as for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**Siobhan Malone**  
Head of School

