



Vivekanand School

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SHUNYA WASTE PROJECT

Dear Parent

Namaste!

We hope this letter finds you well. We are thrilled to share that Vivekanand School, Preet Vihar has been awarded as a Zero Waste School by MCD. At our school, we're dedicated to embracing new challenges that can make a positive impact on the world and in continuation of our zero waste policy, we plan to take one more step ahead in this direction.

With the growing concern about waste's impact on our planet and to promote waste reduction, our new step aims to create a litter free environment within our school premises. To achieve this, we seek your cooperation in guiding our students and supporting the school throughout this journey. Students will be educated in self-waste management practices to keep our school free from food waste, plastic waste, and paper waste generated in classrooms.

We kindly ask for your assistance in encouraging your children to adhere to the following guidelines:-

1. Students will no longer have classroom dustbins as we encourage waste reduction and responsible waste management.
2. Students should minimize the creation of waste throughout the day, and any waste produced should be carried home in an extra paper or cloth bag.
3. Encourage your child to finish their meals during recess. Any leftovers, fruit peels, or aluminum foil should be brought back home in their lunchboxes.
4. Teach your child how to properly tear and collect plastic wrappers for recycling, and to carry other plastic items and pencil shavings in their bags or pencil boxes.
5. Advise your child not to tear paper from notebooks and to collect all paper bits, including newspapers, in their bags.

6. The Class Representatives will assess classroom cleanliness daily and maintain daily waste records.
7. A red Eco-Challan Sticker will be placed on the class door if waste is found. Even small bits of paper will result in a red sticker. A clean class receives a Green Eco- Saviour Sticker.
8. Accumulating red stickers during a week will lead to the cancellation of the upcoming week's games periods.
9. Littering in school premises results in consequences, including the issuance of black cards to students.
10. Additionally, littering or not managing waste for wall magazines results in a month's game period cancellation and Black Cards for every student of the class.
11. A month without red stickers earns the class the title of Eco Champion.
12. Our school partners with the NGO "TRASH TO CASH" for recycling plastic wrappers, contributing to global efforts against plastic pollution. Students will collect plastic wrappers at home, from chip bags to candy wrappers, and bring them to school every Monday. The wrappers are to be cut from the top in a straight line, straightened, and tied together in a group of five. Please refer to the attached video for more clarity. Every Monday, students are required to submit these bundles that will be sent for recycling.

We believe that every plastic wrapper collected reflects your dedication to a healthier planet. Let's come together, create ripples of change, and showcase the power of collective action.

Our primary goal is to instill self-waste management skills in our students, with the intention of expanding this ethos beyond the school level. We request your help in fostering your children's understanding of waste management, so they can become responsible citizens and stewards of the environment. We greatly appreciate your support in nurturing environmentally friendly values among our students.

Warm regards,

Deepa Vijay

Principal