



Dear Laura Farris,

We are an Eco-School in Thatcham and one of our topics this year is “Marine”. As part of this topic, we are trying to reduce the amount of single use plastic that is used in our school. This is to stop so much plastic getting into the rivers and oceans.

So far this year, we have taken part in a Trash Mob to find out what types of plastic are littering our school grounds. We have regular litter picks but sometimes lots of plastic wrappers blow onto our playground and field from outside of school.

We have conducted a lunchbox survey and found out the types of single use plastic that are used most in packed lunches. We have led assemblies where we have talked about alternatives to single use plastic and tried to encourage our friends to use less. We have also sent this information to parents and carers.

Did you know, only 2% of plastic is recycled? Plastic pollution is made worse by our ineffective recycling and waste systems, which cannot process the staggering volume of plastic produced every year.

In the UK, we use 38.5 million plastic bottles every single day and we struggle to recycle even half of those.

8,000,000 pieces of plastic pollution find their way into the ocean every day! Do you think this is acceptable? We do not! We must stop this now!

We are writing to you about the disastrous single-use plastic situation. This is a plastic protest! We would like to ask you to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment and ask what steps the government are taking to reduce plastic pollution. We'd also like to invite you into Parsons Down Partnership of Schools for a Q&A session so you can explain to us what you are doing to tackle the problem of single-use plastic and we can ask you our questions.

We are looking forward to receiving your reply to this letter.

Yours Sincerley,

Kyla, Victoria and Lottie

On behalf of the Eco-Committee at Parsons Down Partnership of Schools