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SWP Eco-School grants now available

Summary

- **SWP is offering 50 grants of £500 to schools to help them get involved with, or progress through, the Eco-Schools initiative.**
- **Please raise awareness of these grants with schools in your area.**
- **The closing date for applications is the end of May 2022. For information and application forms visit www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/education**

Background

Eco-Schools is an international initiative operating in 68 countries. It gives schools a structured approach to engaging and empowering pupils and teachers in projects and initiatives that help protect the environment.

It recently changed for a Bronze, Silver, and then Green Flag award structure, to be geared around seven steps to achieving Green Flag status.

As part of its commitment to encouraging waste reduction, reuse and recycling, SWP wants to encourage schools across the county to engage with the programme.

It is offering 50 grants of £500 to schools to help them participate in Eco Schools.

Detail

The grants can be used to help schools join the scheme for the first time or to help them progress if they have already started their Eco-School journey.

They can be used for all kinds of projects and initiatives, the only proviso being that schools choose "waste" as one of its topics on the way through seven steps.

Applications are open now to any primary and secondary schools receiving its waste services from SWP. The closing date is end of May 2022.

An application form can be downloaded from www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/education

For more information about the Eco-Schools, visit www.eco-schools.org.uk

Please help raise awareness of these grants and encourage schools to make applications. We believe they are an excellent way to engage children and young people in environment issues and encourage positive behaviours around reducing, reusing and recycling waste.

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