

The Pledge

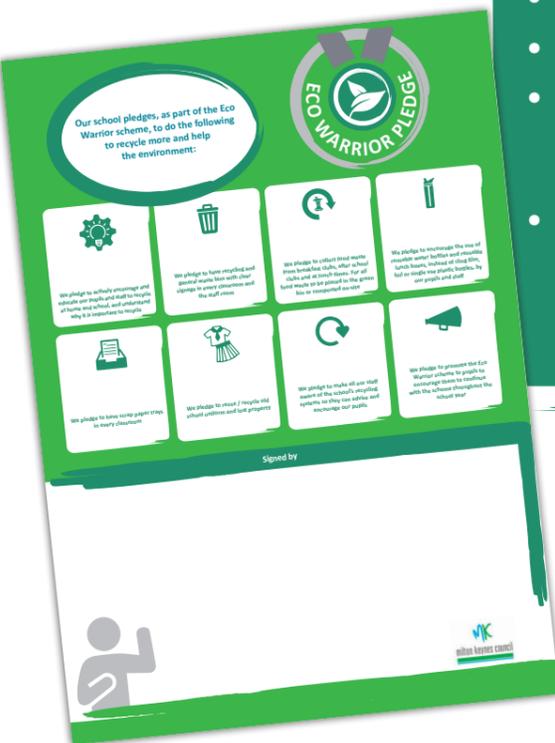
Participating schools on the MK Eco Warrior scheme will be asked to sign the pledge, shown below.

This pledge will be given to the school as an A3 poster which can be signed by pupils, staff and the headteacher for display in school.

- We pledge to actively encourage and educate our pupils and staff to recycle at home and school, and understand why it is important to recycle
- We pledge to have recycling and general waste bins with clear signage in every classroom and the staff room
- We pledge to collect food waste from breakfast clubs, after school clubs and at lunch times. For all food waste to be placed in the green bin or composted on-site
- We pledge to encourage the use of reusable water bottles and reusable lunch boxes, instead of cling film, foil or single use plastic bottles, by our pupils and staff
- We pledge to have scrap paper trays in every classroom
- We pledge to reuse / recycle old school uniform and lost property
- We pledge to make all our staff aware of the school's recycling systems so they can advise and encourage our pupils
- We pledge to promote the Eco Warrior scheme to pupils to encourage them to continue with the scheme throughout the school year

Optional Pledge tasks:

- Book a free class, Eco or School Council visit to the MK Recycling Factory in Old Wolverton
- Organise a school litter pick
- Install a working compost bin or heap on-site
- Install a working water butt on-site



PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, BECOME AN ECO WARRIOR!

Guidance for teachers



The Eco Warriors scheme is designed to encourage MK schools, staff and pupils to recycle more and raise their awareness around environmental issues, such as reducing single use plastics, littering, nature around us, reducing water consumption, etc.

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How it works

The Eco Warrior Scheme

Sign Up

Schools can choose how many pupils they wish to participate in the scheme. It could be the whole school, School Council, Eco Group, a whole year group or just one class - it's up to you! The scheme is total free of charge to MK schools.

How the scheme works

Schools will receive an A5 booklet for each participating pupil, an A3 school pledge poster, reward sticker, class tally charts and a digital logo to show that they are an active 'Eco Warrior School'.

The Eco Warrior booklets include 5 challenges for each term, with a minimum of 3 challenges for pupils to complete. These include activities on recycling, learning about environmental issues, getting out and about, etc. and range from low to high levels of physical activity so there's something for everyone to do.

Teachers will be given sheets of rewards stickers. Once the pupil has shown the teacher a challenge has been completed, the reward sticker is then stuck in the pupil's booklet against that challenge. Completed challenges will count towards the school overall total.

The levels for the scheme:



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Any queries? Please email:
ecowarriors@milton-keynes.gov.uk

The scheme is designed to require minimal administration and input can be as much or as little as you can give.

Top Tips:

- Hand out booklets to each pupil and encourage participation
- Familiarise yourself with the school's on-site waste and recycling systems
- In the classroom ensure rubbish and recycling bins are placed alongside each other with the correct bin poster advising what goes in. Free bin posters can be printed off at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle
- Have a scrap paper tray available in your classroom.
- When a pupil informs you they have completed a challenge, chat about what they have done what they have learnt, etc. Place an Eco Warrior reward sticker in the pupils booklet alongside the completed challenge.
- Make a note of all challenges completed/stickers issued on your Eco Warrior Tally Chart, so you will have a class total at the end of the school year.
- Be a good example - make sure you recycle in the staff room too!

Useful web pages

- Eco Warriors scheme sign up
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ecowarriors
- Free on-line teaching recycling resources
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle
- Litter pick advice and hire
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/litterpicking
- What happens at the MK recycling
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mrf
- Recycling Factory video
<https://youtu.be/kTpRUXS2wma>
- What happens to MK rubbish
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkwrp
- What goes in the recycling sack
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/clearsack
- What goes in the rubbish bag
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/blacksack
- What goes in the blue box
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bluebox
- What goes in the green bin
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/greenbin
- What goes in the yellow bag
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/yellowbag
- General advice
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling