



# Northgate High School

*Inspiring excellence, fulfilling potential*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

After members of our Earth Summit Team and School Council met with our canteen contractors Edwards & Blake recently, we are pleased to announce that 'Bottle free Friday' will be returning in January!

We are conscious in school of the effects of single use plastic, which has also been highlighted on numerous occasions, in the press and on television. Our Earth Summit Team, Environment Team and School Council members are always looking at how the school can be more environmentally friendly, not only raising awareness but also by taking direct action. Sadly, on a daily basis, numerous plastic bottles can be found in bins around school and will ultimately end up in landfill. We can all do something about this!

For those that are not aware of what 'Bottle free Friday' is, here is some information for you:

- On a Friday **NO bottled drinks, cans or cartons** will be sold in Café North.
- By doing this just one day a week, over the course of a year **over 8700 fewer bottles would be sold**, many of which are used just once and thrown away.
- This is a positive step to Northgate becoming a **more environmentally friendly** school, which is something we are striving for.
- **Water will be available** from the water fountains and **squash will be available for purchase** from Café North at break time and lunch time by filling up a reusable bottle.

In order to use the numerous water fountains around school or purchase squash sold in Café North for 25p per 500ml, students will need to bring their own reusable water bottles. Many students already bring their own bottle in and as a result are already reducing plastic waste. We hope this will also encourage them to bring reusable bottles throughout the week as well.

The school has 500ml bottles (plain or with the Northgate logo) available for sale at just £1.40. These can be purchased via Parent Pay and are also available for just 30 merits. The first 'Bottle Free Friday' will take place on **7<sup>th</sup> January**.

We hope we can gain support from students, staff and parents and show that everyone can do their bit to help the planet. After all, there's no **planet B!**

Yours sincerely

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