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20 September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are calling on #litterheroes to help improve the environment on our doorstep.....

As a Rights Respecting School, we understand the importance of a clean and healthy environment as a right for all of our children. Environmental issues have become big news with the eye-opening documentaries by the BBC such as 'Drowning in Plastic' and international calls for action by the UN/G7 this year. In our own locality we can witness the damage litter causes to the environment and the negative impact it has on plants/animals living in hedgerow ecosystems that surround our school. Caring for our planet is something we as a school are extremely passionate about as we want to make sure there is a sustainable environment in the future for our young people.

We are therefore going to stand together with our students and local community and complete this year's first Big Clean Event. Our Great Big School Clean will take place on **Saturday 16 October**, starting from in front of the **D@RT building**. Volunteers would need to meet us at school for **10am** and be prepared to spend two hours helping litter pick and tidy our school site and local area along Wildern Lane.

We will provide the litter pickers, gloves and bins, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own equipment if they prefer. Volunteers would need to wear sensible footwear and clothing and be prepared for autumn's varied weather! Refreshments will be provided at the end of the two hours as a thank-you.

We're really keen to show the local community that we care about the environment and inspire our young people to do the same and make a difference to the world in which we live.

So please join us as we prepare to stand together and declare that litter which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens harm to wildlife is not acceptable.

If you want to get involved please sign up at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-clean-tickets-172547743947>

We look forward to seeing you on the day with your young people, to help make our school and local environment a better greener cleaner place.

Yours faithfully

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