08 June 2023

St Mary’s Primary School

Dear Lisa,

## Green Flag Award

I am delighted to confirm that you have been successful in being awarded your Eco-Schools Green Flag in June 2023. The Eco-School’s team were very impressed with your school’s work.

Congratulations to all concerned - staff and pupils alike, and not forgetting the caretaker and many parents who helped your school achieve its environmental targets. You will hold the flag for two years and will be **reapplying in March 2025 to be awarded in June 2025**.

The assessors made the following comments about the **strengths** of your school evident in the assessment visit:

The school has done some brilliant work in their garden and outdoor area. The wide variety of plants and vegetation is impressive. The integration of different topic areas together is great as well. The school has a wormery where the worms are fed using leftover food. The output of this is then used as fertiliser in the schools plants.

The eco-committee, and rest of the school, are so heavily involved with everything happening as part of the school’s eco-work. The committee has taken a real leading role in coming up with new actions to improve the school’s work. An example is the fundraising idea, a competition estimating tree growth, with the proceeds going towards new tools for the garden area.

The assessors made the following **suggestions** which may enhance your Eco-Schools programme going forward:

Keep an eye out for Live Here Love Here grants as a way to raise money for the ongoing development of the garden area.

Consider choosing biodiversity as one of the topics. Action plan was completed for biodiversity, and outdoor area is brilliant for this, so was more than enough to be chosen as a topic.

Once again, many congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

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Yours sincerely

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