

We have a problem.....



Everyday there is too much litter left on the field and around the school site.

I am sure most people understand why this is an issue but just in case.....



The best way to describe litter is to say it is waste in the wrong place.

That is, rather than being placed in a bin or other waste container, waste is left on the pavement, park or school field. Litter is untidy and unsightly and can affect people's view on the quality and safety of an area.

Litter can consist of anything from a tiny sweet wrapper or an empty sandwich box to a discarded mattress in a public park.

The majority of litter comes from people dropping it either on purpose or by accident, although some litter comes from other sources, for example wind-blown or natural litter.



Why is littering a problem?

Keep Britain Tidy estimated that more than two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day.

Litter contributes to:

- Environmental pollution
- Harming ecosystems and wildlife. Fish can mistake our rubbish for food and swallow it, which can lead them to choking.
- Items like
- Non-biodegradable chewing gum or disposable vapes can take hundreds of years to decompose.
- It can clog waterways, leading to flooding and water contamination, which affects aquatic life and drinking water sources.
- Harm to us



And for us at Fortismere.....

- It makes the place look untidy - this is all of our 'environment' and many of us really do not want to see this litter and are uncomfortable with it.
- Our site staff spent a lot of (wasted) time and money picking up YOUR litter when they could be doing other jobs to make the school better.
- The litter attracts large numbers of seagulls!!!!
- It can be bad for the animals who share our site





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LITTER PICK

Join us this Wednesday, 11th June



During Lunch Break!



**Help acriffence in just
30 minutes!**



**Meet at the South Wing
Reception at 13:30**



**Gloves and bags provided —
just bring your energy**



**All participants get a positive point
& an Eco-Hero badge!**

Let's show some Fortismere pride

Last Wednesday the Eco-Committee and some helpful volunteers did a litter pick at lunch time

We collected this much litter in about 15 minutes but we shouldn't need to.....



So please use the bins.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmbOizXQtSY> - short clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVArB2cnB4Y>



Next Wednesday we plan to litter pick again and we hope for less litter this time!

Thank you for listening - and please help us to make **Fortismere a more sustainable school**

And if you would like to join the Eco-Committee please come to S19 on Friday lunchtimes - we would love to see you