

Dear Ropley Primary School,

As we are all aware electric vehicles are better for the environment unlike diesel vehicles, electric vehicles don't emit any greenhouse gases that damage our environment helping reduce the rate of climate change.

Therefore, we are thrilled to announce the introduction of our first fully electric Skoolkit van. We supply our six shops from our Eastleigh distribution centre along with numerous schools and companies, so to know the majority of these miles are now being powered by electric gives us a huge amount of reassurance that we have taken another step towards increasing our corporate and social responsibility.

Skoolkit have been making conscious changes throughout the business for a number of years including changing all lighting throughout our buildings to LED and sensor powered LED lighting as these are 80% more efficient than standard CFL bulbs, we have also installed an energy efficient heater in our warehouse endorsed by the Carbon Trust.

We cannot look at making sustainability and eco changes to our business without assessing the products we are supplying to our customers.

We work closely with some of the leading manufacturers of eco school uniforms and who have outstanding ethical trading commitments. We supply eco/recycled garments for most school uniform as standard, whether that be garments made from recycled plastic bottles and recycled fabrics to sustainably sourced materials.

More of our manufacturers are adding QR codes to the garment labelling which gives the customer a connection to the garment. Scan the code and learn the sustainably and eco story of that garment and manufacturer. This gives parents and children the information they require for the traceability of the garment they are purchasing and wearing.

While a totally plastic free future is unlikely, we can be certain taking proactive steps to reduce our consumption of single use plastic packaging will push us forward towards a more sustainable future, which is why we are committed to reducing the amount of single use plastic distributed from our warehouse out to our customers within their online orders. The majority of items posted out are no longer in individual garment bags but only in the recycled plastic outer packaging needed for transportation, this small change is making a huge impact in the amount of plastic we are passing onto our customers.

All of these points are a good start, but it's only the beginning. We want to do better, so the next step for Skoolkit is to introduce a second electric vehicle to ensure all transportation of our stock is powered by electric.

Moving forward we will be investing in adding our own renewable energy source in the form of solar panels to our warehouse facility, generating green energy will be another great way to reduce our businesses' carbon footprint.

We hope this information shows we are making the necessary changes in the way we operate to satisfy our own aim to cause minimal environmental damage whilst also satisfying the wants of our customers at the same time. In short, operating in ways that reduce our carbon footprint is a win-win-win situation, for Skoolkit, for our customers, and for the planet.

Kind regards,

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