

Proposal from Cllr Fi O'Connor

Cllr O'Connor has expressed an interest in going into schools to speak to children and has drafted the letter below to send to St. Peter-in-Thamet Church of England Junior School in the first instance. She seeks Council approval for her to undertake this project.

Dear Mr Whitehouse

I am a Broadstairs and St Peter's Town councillor for Beacon Road Ward. I am delighted to see that St Peter-in-Thamet C of E Junior school has an Eco School Council. I am a Primary school teacher by profession and have worked with Surfers Against Sewage to promote Plastic Free Schools. As a town councillor, I am also keen to give a talk at an assembly about recycling. Many people do not realise that crisp packets, for example, can not go in normal plastic recycling due to the different, silver, layer of plastic inside the packet.

Could I come and see you for a chat about how I can help your wonderful school? My DBS is on the update service and available for verification

Yours faithfully

Cllr Fi O'Connor

Beacon Road Ward

Etc.

Note for Council: The school's head teacher has explained the following to Cllr O'Connor: Eco School Council aims to meet several times each term. The children decide on new action to take in order to help make St. Peter's more eco-friendly, as well as dealing with general School Council issues. They share ideas from their classes (via a class suggestion box) and report back to classes. Together, they lead assemblies, class meetings, campaigns and competitions. A child records the minutes of the meetings.)

Decision required: Does Council approve the idea of Cllr O'Connor approaching schools with the aim of speaking to the children about recycling?