



What can you do to help combat the litter problem?

Action Sheet for children and their families – you have the power!

1. **Reduce** – buy less stuff.
2. **Reduce** - use less plastic packaging, e.g. buy big packets of things like yogurt or crisps and divide them up into portions for lunch or snacks when out and about.
3. **Reduce** – use a refillable bottle instead of disposable water bottles and ask your school to become a **Refill School**. Ask your teachers to get a poster and stickers by emailing lucy.mottram@devon.gov.uk.
4. **Reuse** – use refillable water bottles or cups. Encourage other people to reuse items that would otherwise be single use plastic like straws.
5. **Reuse** packaging – where possible reuse packaging for other purposes, e.g. keep padded envelopes, bubble wrap for reuse.
6. **Recycle** - take your litter home and recycle it! Make sure you put it in the right bin and clean it if possible. If you're not sure of what you can recycle then contact your local District Council as collection systems differ across Devon.
7. **Don't drop litter** - tell your friends and family to take their litter home and recycle it!
8. **Join a local litter pick**, or if there isn't one going on – organise one through your school or PTA!
9. **At the beach** - pick up and dispose of any litter you find.
10. **Petition your local MP or Council** – use your democratic right - quote the Plastic Pact (see <http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/the-uk-plastics-pact>) and ask that all councils recycle the same items to reduce confusion.