



The RHS Lunchbox Challenge

We encourage schools to bring a healthy packed lunch that will result in the least amount of landfill waste.

We will provide composting and recycling facilities for:

- Fruit and vegetable waste
- Plastic bottles without their lids
- Paper and card

All other waste to be returned to lunch boxes and taken home.

Please can you encourage families to consider:

- Can the drinks bottles be reused?
- Can you avoid certain packaging e.g. crisp packets, yoghurt cartons?
- Are your sandwiches wrapped in compostable paper or a reusable container?
- Are you buying food from sustainable sources where possible e.g. Fairtrade?
- Have you considered the 'food miles' involved?
- Is there more food than the child requires?

There will be a certificate for schools leaving no landfill waste at RHS Garden Wisley.



The education sector disposes of 615,117 tonnes of waste per year. Schools currently spend between £300 and £1000 per year (depending on their size) on waste disposal. Through reducing, reusing and recycling, schools can cut waste production by more than 50%, saving money on disposal costs and reducing their burden on the environment. (DfES 2007)

