



King's Academy Ringmer

March 23rd 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

ECO DAY – POND DIGGING AND PLANTING – SCHOOL SITE

On Saturday 23rd April 2022, King's Academy Ringmer will be opening its doors to our school community to help participate in the next stage of regenerating our outside space. This is in line with our new focus of environmental work at KAR; conservation on the school site. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help with the project, after our first Eco day with local charity 'A Band of Brothers' was such a great success.

The day will have a gardening and nature-based focus with a team of volunteers helping us to clear the Eco Hub site of overgrown weeds, dig a hole to install our new wildlife pond as well as plant our new herb and wildflower garden. Your son/daughter along with yourselves and any other keen environmentalists in your family, are invited to take part in the day working alongside Ms Pillar and Mrs Holmes. The day promises to be great fun and offers students the opportunity to breathe new life into the school site, and gain practical experience of working on community projects.

Students and volunteers are asked to arrive at school at 9.30am and meet in the Main Reception. Clearing the site of weeds, planting and digging the pond is expected to take a number of hours to complete and therefore we aim to dismiss students by 1.00pm. Students are not required to wear school uniform but should bring with them:

- The appropriate clothes to undertake gardening in April. Please be prepared for all types of weather and plan accordingly bringing a warm jacket/waterproofs, warm clothes, sun cream etc. It is advisable that students wear long sleeves and full-length trousers to protect against nettle stings. Sensible footwear for gardening - no flip flops or open sandals.
- A packed lunch and water/soft drinks (no glass bottles please).
- Any personal protective equipment already owned, for example, gardening gloves. These can be provided if necessary.

There is no cost for students to join us on the day. We as a school request your permission to photograph students at school. These images may be used for future promotion/marketing on the website/ social media/ weekly newsletter. Please identify on the slip below whether you agree to this or not. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, preferably via email.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Pillar and Mrs Holmes - Environmental Coordinator and Environmental Project Manager

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO MS PILLAR or MRS HOLMES BY FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 2022

I give permission for my daughter/son _____ to attend Eco Day at the school site on Saturday 23rd April 2022.

I **do** give permission for the school to photograph my daughter/ son.

I **do not** give permission for the school to photograph my daughter/ son.

Signed _____ Date _____

Emergency contact number _____

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