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## school litter survey

What do you think about litter? Please tick the appropriate answers below...

### 1. How old are you?

### 2. Are you:

Male

Female

### 3. What things would you call litter?

Lunch wrappers

Cigarette ends

Food scraps

Fallen leaves and twigs

Drinks bottles and cans

An old car in a field

None of these

### 4. Here are some ways in which litter affects the environment. Put them in order, starting with the one that you think has the most serious effect on the environment and ending with the least important one.

- Litter is a health hazard
- Litter can harm animals
- Litter can injure people
- Litter is a fire hazard
- Litter can block drains
- Litter can contain hazardous chemicals
- Litter causes accidents on roads
- Litter makes a place look ugly
- Litter can be smelly



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## 5. Do you think your school playground is:

Heavily littered

Slightly littered

Not littered

## 6. Do you often drop litter?

Often

(go to question 8)

Sometimes

(go to question 8)

Never

(go to question 7)

## 7. If you answered never to question 6, why don't you drop litter?

(Pick one or more)

- You think that litter spoils the appearance of a place
- You are afraid of being caught and punished
- You know it's wrong
- You don't like seeing litter
- You know that animals can be hurt or killed by litter
- You are worried that people will be hurt by litter
- You are worried that it will be washed into rivers, streams and the sea

## 8. If you answered sometimes or often to question 6, why do you drop litter? (Pick one or more)

- You can't be bothered to put it in the bin
- If you can't find a bin you will just drop your rubbish
- You don't mean to, you drop it accidentally
- It's not cool to put rubbish in bins
- You drop empty bottles and wrappers because they are dirty and you don't want to hold it
- You think it's fun
- You don't care
- You like being a rebel



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## 9. Have you picked up litter at school this year?

Yes  
(go to question 10)

No  
(go to question 11)

## 10. If you answered yes to question 9, why did you pick up litter at school?

It was a punishment  
I volunteered

It was playground duty  
Other (state reason)

## 11. Making students pick up litter at school stops them from dropping litter themselves. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree

Disagree

## 12. Who should pick up litter in your school? (pick one or more)

Pupils on playground duty  
Pupils caught dropping litter  
All pupils  
Teachers

Headteacher  
Cleaners  
Other

## 13. Who is responsible for the amount of litter in the school? (pick one or more)

Headteacher  
Pupils  
Teachers

Cleaners  
Other



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**14. Which of the following materials would you prefer to buy a sandwich in?**

Plastic and paper  
Just plastic  
Just paper  
Recycled plastic

Recycled paper  
Nothing  
Other

**15. Which of the following would you prefer to buy a drink in?**

A bottle or can that could be recycled  
A bottle or can that cannot be recycled  
A disposable cup

A clean cup which can be used again (e.g. a glass)  
Other

**16. What do you think should be done to reduce the amount of litter in your school?**

Thank you for your time

