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Dear Parents and Carers

Recycle to Read Toy Collection – Now Open!

During our whole school assemblies last year, we were discovering ways in which we could support Portsmouth's 'Climate Change Strategy'. The key message we all took away was that no matter how small we are, we can all make a very big difference.

As an outcome, the children were keen to work alongside **Wastebuster** (wastebuster.co.uk) and take part in an initiative called '**Recycle to Read**'. This is a not-for-profit environmental education company. We are now fully registered and are on a mission to rehome toys and keep them out of landfill. As a participating school, we will receive £200 book vouchers for every tonne of toys that we collect!

We can only accept toys that are clean, reusable and in good working order for rehoming.

Sadly, we cannot accept

- Jigsaws
- Damaged toys
- Incomplete games



Please send all donations into class with your child.

Please ensure all donations are tied up in plastic bags or in sealed boxes.

The last collection will be on the morning of Tuesday 10th September.

What happens once the toys are taken away?

Toys are taken by our partners to a UK sorting facility. They are sorted and weighed. To prevent waste, only graded toys in safe working order and in line with regulations are sent for reuse in the UK and around the world. Toys that are not suitable for reuse are sent for recycling in the UK. Any



small percentage of items that are currently not suitable for reuse and can't be recycled are sent for appropriate waste treatment.

Recycle to Read work with C & M Global to process any toys collected through the programme for reuse. Further information on C & M Global can be found here:

<https://cmglobal.co.uk/>.

Many thanks for your support and happy toy hunting!

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