

2018-19



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# Impact

Environmental Report from Caterham School

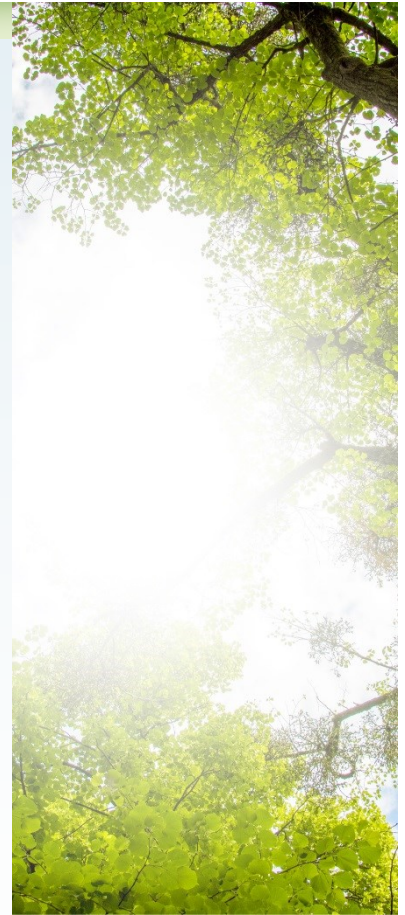
As a combined community of almost 2,000 people across a campus of 200 acres, Caterham School and Caterham Prep School take seriously the effect we have on our environment. This update outlines the ways in which the School community has worked to reduce the impact we have on the environment and the proactive initiatives we have employed to promote the natural beauty from which we all benefit right here in the Harestone Valley.

All sections of our community have played a valuable role in reducing our impact on the environment. The pupil-led Green Committee in the Senior School, Eco-Warriors in the Prep School and the Environmental Strategy Group, comprised of academic and bursarial staff, have all informed and driven the activity throughout 2018-19.

Our task is by no means complete – and we want to include as many people and embrace as many ideas as we can to improve year on year. Please do get in touch if you, or your son/daughter, have an idea or project that will help change our environment for the good.

Yours sincerely

Ceri Jones  
Headmaster



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## Plastics & Recycling

The significant reduction in the use of single-use plastics is one of our headline achievements of the year.

How have we done this?

- ◆ pupils brought in refillable bottles
  - ◆ staff brought in refillable bottles
  - ◆ water at school events provided at water stations
  - ◆ extra drinking fountains and taps placed around School campus
- Recycling has also been given a boost through:
- ◆ new bins placed through the school
  - ◆ cardboard compressors reducing the volume of landfill
  - ◆ repurposing of old furniture given to furniture charities
  - ◆ text book recycling – old text books provided to overseas education charities
  - ◆ parents and pupils have also generously given old reading books to local charity Delight

*Use of single-use water bottles is down by 92.5 per cent from 17,250 in 2017/18 to 1,300 in 2018/19*

### Did you know?

The bars for the Summer Ball 2019

have been created from delivery pallets

that would otherwise be

headed for landfill.

They will be used for multiple events.

## Energy Savers

With over 60 rooms across the Senior and Prep School campus, there are many opportunities to reduce energy consumption. This year we have:

- ◆ replaced incandescent light bulbs with LED lighting through the schools:
- ◆ Hillfields Sports ground features 100 per cent LED lighting
- ◆ The Centre for Performing Arts now has 90 per cent LED lighting
- ◆ the Sports Centre now has 95 per cent LED lighting
- ◆ The Eothen Building now has 90 per cent LED lighting

We have also replaced controls on the all-weather pitch lighting to ensure timed auto shut off

Our programme of replacing old sash windows with double glazed windows has progressed with almost all of the Senior School main building now featuring the draft proof, energy-efficient windows. Next year will see the programme roll into the Pre-Prep and Prep buildings.

Additional energy savings have been gained from a switch to new more energy efficient boilers.



## Transport

Caterham School attracts families from a wide area reaching to central London, Epsom, Horsham and West Kent. The transport provision of coaches and mini buses makes travel to and from the School possible and also helps cut down single-family car journeys.

This year we have:

- ◆ enhanced transport routes to cover a wider area and added more pick up points
- ◆ increased users to a total of just under 350 pupils
- ◆ repeated the transport survey to ensure we are matching need as closely as possible
- ◆ ensured Prep School pupils in Year Three upwards can now use the minibus transport service

In addition to the above, we have extended the drop-off times at the Prep School to reduce the amount of standing traffic at this key time. We have also looked at whether School vehicles, such as maintenance vans, could be replaced with hybrid or electric vehicles and are keen to do this as soon as practicably possible.

We do encourage parents to further help us by ensuring their engines are turned off when waiting at the Senior and Prep Schools.

## Nearly New Uniform

A huge thank you to the army of parents who between them make sure (labelled) lost items are reunited and enable parents to benefit from buying nearly new items. All of this work is done by parent volunteers and co-ordinated by the Parents' Association and not only benefits the purse but helps reduce the environmental impact of replacing with brand new items.

### Did you know?

The Parents' Association's 'Class List' system enables a car share platform for families who wish to join together to save on 'parent taxi' runs.

## Sals Shoes

Caterham's Partnership programme works with a wide range of fantastic organisations bringing benefits to our pupils and our partners. One such organisation is [Sals Shoes](#), established by Caterham Prep School parent Camilla Bowry and supported by volunteers across the school. Sals Shoes gives new life to outgrown footwear which is dispatched to happy feet in the UK and across the globe, diverting many pairs from landfill.

We were delighted that our prep pupils were able to give their too-small shoes a new home through Sals Shoes.

## Old Park Woods

Caterham School secured Old Park Woods in 2015 removing the decades-long threat of development from this ancient Surrey woodland and opening up outdoor learning opportunities for our pupils in addition to welcoming the local community.

Old Park Woods was unmanaged for many years, meaning much groundwork needed to be undertaken to ensure safe access and to encourage plants and wildlife to flourish. Jay Needham joined the School staff as woodsman and a member of the grounds team in 2018. Clearance of unsafe trees and wood threatened by Ash Dieback expedited the initiative of onsite wood processing into logs and charcoal – currently on sale. This project began in autumn 2018 and removed the need to extract the wood with multiple journeys by heavy goods vehicles. Duke of Edinburgh's Award pupils have been involved in this venture exploring the business development opportunity. The Forest School is thriving, and is hosting regular outdoor learning sessions for our own Prep and Senior School pupils in addition to visiting primary schools and toddler group sessions.

Guided woodland walks for parents (current and former) and friends of the School are now a regular, and very popular, fixture. The next one will take place on Friday 15 November 2019 at 9.00am, departing from outside the Leatham Room.

Please do get in touch if you, or your son/daughter, have an idea or project that will help sustain our environment for the good. All ideas are welcome. Email: [enquiries@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@caterhamschool.co.uk)



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