

# Saving Water Advice

In the School.....



## Inside



- \* Install leak detectors and **fix all leaks promptly**.
- \* Establish a 'Water Savers' monitoring team, involving students reporting on leaks, running and dripping taps, and faulty toilets.
- \* Ask pupils to design and create signs giving hints and tips on how to save water both in school and at home. Place them near taps/toilets/showers, **reminding users to turn water off when it is not being used**.
- \* Install **water-efficient aerated showerheads/flow restrictors** and slow-release push buttons on all showers or mixer taps.
- \* Wipe paint brushes with a rag, then **wash them in a bucket rather than under the tap**
- \* Fit solenoid (motion) sensors/infra-red controls on taps to ensure they **stop running when not in use**.
- \* Install water efficient dishwashers in kitchens. Encourage kitchen staff to **always fully load the dishwasher**.

## Outside

- \* Encourage grounds keepers to:
  - Use plants that are **suited to the local climate** and soil conditions.
  - **Avoid over-watering** school gardens.
  - **Remove weeds** as soon as they appear.
  - Water the **base** of plants, not the leaves.
  - Use a brush to clean paths (not a hose).
  - **Apply a layer of mulch** at a depth of 7-10cm around plants, this reduces the amount of evaporation.
- \* Install **water butts** where possible to collect rain water from school roofs. This rainwater can then be used to water school grounds.
- \* When cleaning outside play equipment, always **use warm water in a bucket**, with a sponge rather than a hose –this will be more effective as well as **saving water and money**.



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