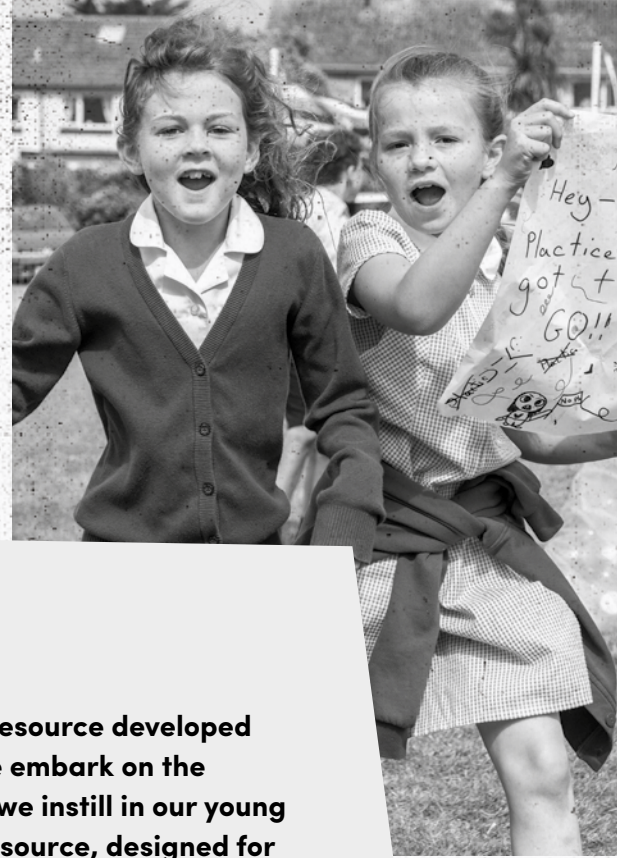


# WELCOME...



Dear Educators,

With great pleasure, we introduce to you an invaluable resource developed by the education team at Surfers Against Sewage. As we embark on the journey towards a general election, it is imperative that we instill in our young learners the profound importance of their voices. This resource, designed for Key Stage 2 (KS2) and Key Stage 3 (KS3) pupils, is our humble contribution towards giving Power to the Pupils and ensuring their voices resound in the corridors of change; from the school benches to the front benches!

Through engaging curriculum materials and interactive activities, we endeavor to cultivate a generation of Ocean Activists who will champion the cause of environmental preservation for generations to come, together we can achieve Thriving Oceans and Thriving People.

Why do we need to develop pupil voice to challenge and question the policy makers? Single-use plastic poses a grave threat to our oceans, choking marine life and wreaking havoc on delicate ecosystems. Plastic Free Schools is our flagship initiative, aimed at turning the tide against plastic pollution. By placing young people at the forefront of this mission, equipping them with knowledge and skills, we are nurturing change-makers who will safeguard our oceans and all they encompass.

We wish you good luck, teachers, in your mission to continue educating our Ocean Activists and we hope these resources will help a little along the way! Together we embark on a journey of change-making, power-waking, and pupil-led advocacy.

Warm regards,

The Education Team  
Surfers Against Sewage





# WHAT TO ASK YOUR MP END SEWAGE POLLUTION



Surfers Against Sewage have developed an “End Sewage Pollution” Manifesto. We know that the main focus of the Plastic Free Schools programme is reducing single use plastic, however, we also know you care about the wider environment.

Water quality has become a major issue in the UK, plastic pollution plays a big part in that, particularly on the ocean. There are other big polluters impacting on the quality of our inland waterways and the ocean, our manifesto aims to highlight these. We want all MPs to shout about these issues, **whatever party they represent**, we want them to represent the oceans and the rivers and you!

## SO WHY DON'T YOU

**Contact your MP and let them know how they can make a difference, let them know you care.**

Using the Surfers Against Sewage manifesto and the “Contacting Government” resources you can develop many more challenging questions and write a letter to your MP.

Your voice is important! Get your message across to those who can make a difference and help us to have water where we can fish, dip our toes and soak in all the health and wellbeing benefits thriving ecosystems bring. Where local communities and economies are centred around healthy blue spaces and people from cities to the coast are proud of their local natural blue spaces.



# WHAT YOU CAN DO



- Use our “Contacting Government” resources to write to your MP
- Use the sample questions below to formulate your own questions
- Email Surfers Against Sewage your letters, we are going to present them to MPs

## Remember:

Surfers Against Sewage are NOT a political party. We want ALL politicians to listen to YOU!



## KS3 EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- How will you and your party enforce the law which requires water companies to treat water ‘effectively’ and only permits overflows to discharge in ‘exceptional circumstances’?
- How will you and your party ensure regulators, like the Environment Agency, are funded adequately to protect the environment?
- When do you plan to deliver a Deposit Return Scheme so that we can get 20p back for every drink bottle we return to the shops.

## KS2 EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- How will you and your party help to protect our inland waterways and the ocean?
- How will you and your party help to stop people getting sick when they are in rivers or the Ocean?
- When do you plan to deliver a Deposit Return Scheme so that we can get 20p back for every drink bottle they return to the shops.





## OUR MAIN POINTS



### ENFORCE THE LAW

We have the regulations and laws we need to End Sewage Pollution. Now we must enforce them.

### STOP POLLUTION FOR PROFIT

Water companies' first responsibility must be to the environment, not their shareholders and executives.

### PRIORITISE HIGH RISK POLLUTION

Take immediate targeted action to tackle the highest risk pollution events.



### OUR VISION

We want a UK where our rivers, lakes and seas are healthy and teeming with life. Fish are abundant, plants are thriving and nature is valued and protected. Where people can surf, swim, paddle or use the water free from the fear of becoming ill.

### EMPOWER A NATURE LED APPROACH

Harness the power of nature to End Sewage Pollution.

### REVEAL THE TRUTH

Deliver UK wide transparency about sewage pollution.



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