



**The Orchid School**  
**Baner, Pune**

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Circular for classes I - XII

Subject: Plastic Collection Drive by Sagar Mitra

Dear Parents,

Today, Plastic stands as the most significant threat to Mother Earth, for which we humans bears all responsibility. Over the past century, our ceaseless reliance on plastic has made it a challenge for us to identify a suitable alternative.

In light of this concern, The Orchid School organized a session for its class V students on a session on the Perils of Plastic by a noted environmentalist Mr.Vinodh Bodhankar , Joint Director of Sagar- Mitra Abhiyan.

The objective was to enlighten the students about the ill effects associated with plastic accumulation in water bodies like streams, lakes, rivers and oceans. Mr. Bodhankar mentioned to the students that due to unending need for plastic, it was impossible to completely disregard the use of it, hence plastic collection and recycling it for other purposes was the key to curb use of Plastic. For this he encouraged the students to actively participate in the Sagar Mitra initiative by collecting plastic.

As an eco-conscious school, we have decided to extend this **plastic collection drive** to students of all grades i.e. Classes I to XII.

Important points to remember while collecting plastic–

- The plastic needs to be collected **ONLY** from ones' homes.
- Students are not expected to collect plastic other than what is generated from their homes.
- Collect only dry plastic like wrappers and polybags. Food materials sticking to the wrappers needs to be removed. The plastic (especially oil cans, pickle bottles, cream or shampoo bottles etc) needs to be washed and dried before sending.
- Students will keep the plastic brought from their homes in designated places assigned specially for this purpose.
- The collected plastic will then be handed over to Sagar Mitra volunteers, where it is taken to the plastic melting site to be converted into pellets. Since there is no cleaning process at the site, we request you to **send absolutely clean and dried plastic** that is neatly packed and will not emit any foul smell and will be safe to handle by the workers.
- The posters attached with this mail indicate the kind of plastic which can be collected.
- **The collected plastic should be brought to school between 24<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and dropped in the specially marked carton kept in the basement.**

- This will be a regular feature each month and on the last week of every month, you may send in the plastic collected by you and your family during the month.
- We will notify you of subsequent month's collection dates on the Class WhatsApp groups.

We urge you to encourage your ward to participate in this drive and collect plastic at home and deposit it in school.

Let's together make this a success!

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