



LAHORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear parents/students/teachers

It is estimated that food wrappers and containers produce 31.15% of pollution in the environment. Globally, we use 160,000 plastic bags every second! Plastic is composed of major toxic pollutants that have the potential to cause great harm to the environment and to human and animal health. Simple plastic bag requires more than a hundred years to decompose. It takes up to 200 years for plastic straws to decompose. Plastic straws are the 11th most found trash in the oceans. Each year 1 million sea birds and 100,000 marine animals die from ingesting plastic.

If we don't stop using straws, there could be more plastic in our oceans than fish by 2050. Plastic straws and other single-use plastics are a non-essential part of our life. Yet, they cause so much damage to the environment. The simplest way to reduce plastic pollution is to reject the use of single-use plastics, like straws.

At LGS 55 Main, we are always looking for ways to make a lasting impact on society. Since Pakistan is one of the signatories of UN Sustainability Development Goals 2015-2030, our Community Service and Environment Society is introducing "55's Anti Plastic and Recycling Campaign" that aims to measurably reduce plastic pollution in our 55-Main, 30-Main and 31-FCC campuses, with a special focus on the reduction and ultimately the elimination of plastic bottles, polythene bags, plastic straws and plastic food packaging. However, we do understand that all this cannot be achieved instantly. We are, therefore implementing this in phases:

In Phase I, we plan to restrict single-use plastic such as straws and polythene bags in 55-Main Campus. This will take effect from Monday the 17th of September 2018.

We feel that support from everyone is essential to make the campaign a success. It may seem like a small effort but it's not; together, we can drastically lower our plastic waste.

Thank you

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