



Write a persuasive letter to the editor of a school newsletter responding to the statement: ‘Pre-packaged snacks wrapped in plastics should not be allowed at school when we all know that soft plastics can’t be recycled and aren’t effectively biodegradable.’

Draw from the stimulus material and your own ideas.

‘I am a busy working mum and I rely upon pre-packaged snacks which I buy in the supermarket to provide quick, nutritious and easy lunches for my kids that don’t cost the earth. Muesli bars, baked sweet potato snacks, brown rice crackers, nori snacks, snack yoghurts – these are healthy staples and they are legal to buy. Surely, they should outlaw these plastics if they don’t want people to buy these products. Whilst they are legal shouldn’t we have a right to buy them and put them in our kids lunches?’

‘Schools should show leadership on the urgent issue of sustainability. As a community which is a microcosm of society at large schools must reflect community responsibility. One way of demonstrating responsible behaviour is by educating the new generations about the importance of taking care of our environment. Even if the law is slow to respond and is behind the times, when governments see the will of the people and that they won’t tolerate these plastics and won’t buy them then the laws will change.’