



When being the best we
can be isn't easy...



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UN Rights of a Child

One of the aims of education is to help us to protect the environment. Exploring how to recycle and reuse can help us to do this.



Key Vocabulary

Recycling

Environment

Discarded

Disposable

Non biodegradable

Pandemic

compromise



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**Should disposable
face masks be
banned?**

British Values

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Individual Liberty

We can choose whether to use reusable or disposable items such as face masks. It is important to consider a number of factors, including the environment, when we make our choices.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-57687261>

Resource 1

Look at the resource below, can you think of any other ways we can protect people and help them to stay healthy?



Cloth Face Masks

Cloth face masks are made from materials such as cotton. They are designed to be washed and reused. They can easily be bought in shops, online or even made at home. Cost can vary but is usually between £1 and £16. People often choose a cloth face mask in a pattern, colour or design of their choice. The government recommends cloth face masks be used for general use e.g. worn in public places or at home, if there is a risk of a member of your household being infected. This is to protect others and reduce transmission. Cloth face masks are not categorised as PPE (personal protective equipment).



Disposable Face Masks

Disposable face masks are designed to be thrown away after use. They are made from polypropylene (a thermoplastic) and tend to be blue and rectangular with elastic ear straps and a built-in nose wire. A disposable face mask is often required to be worn if you visit a hospital. These surgical masks are designed to be worn in medical settings, so have to be manufactured to a recognised standard. When worn in a medical setting, they are classed as PPE but not if they are worn for general use. Basic disposable masks cost around 45p each and are recommended for single use.



What are the differences between a cloth face mask and a disposable face mask?

Being the best we can be for ourselves for others and for God's World is not always as easy as it seems.

How do we balance the need to keep everyone safe, with looking after God's World.

Are there any right answers – or is this a compromise?