

# FOOTPRINT

Promoting happy, healthy and sustainable living at Hill House and beyond.

## HOW GREEN IS IT ... TO LAMINATE PAPER?



Green  
Living  
Detective

Have you ever wondered how "green" something is? We are all trying to make better decisions in our quest to be more sustainable and eco-friendlier but, in reality, we have to weigh everything against the demands of modern life. The Green Living Detective can help you on the path to a greener lifestyle.

For example, the Green Living Detective has plenty to say on laminating paper and the verdict is ... it's **Not-So-Green**. Whilst laminating a piece of paperwork will protect it to some extent from crumpling or tearing and allows it to be re-used, it's actually harmful to the environment because the lamination process uses harsh chemicals and heat to essentially fuse the sheet of paper between two sheets of plastic. Yes, it can save on the use of paper but, at the end of the day, paper is both fully recyclable and biodegradable, plastic is not.



We are making concerted efforts at Hill House to reduce our use of printing and laminating and this has been very evident in the classroom where the reliance on re-using resources involved quite a bit of both.

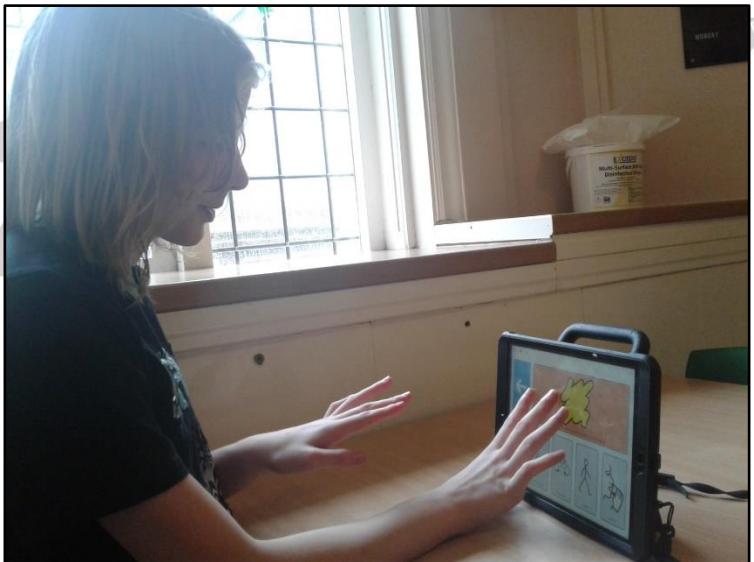
## IN THE CLASSROOM



Sonia Leandro Martinez, our Lower School Lead, introduced the use of digital workboxes to replace the usual physical organisation system in the classrooms that relied on printed and laminated resources.

"This has made a positive impact on the environment as we have reduced our use of physical resources quite a lot and increased the use of the Talk pad."

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"Also, during Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education time, we have learnt about ways of keeping our planet Earth healthy. Students have taken part in numerous activities, including sorting materials into the right groups for recycling."

#MAKEONECHANGE

What one change can you make today?