

## Fife Council Highlights the Positive Impact of Harfield Tableware at Queen Anne High School

Harfield were approached by Shirley McKie, Head of Service, from Fife Council as she was looking to replace the single-use plastics used at Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline.

In a lot of secondary schools, single-use plastics are a popular choice as they save on washing up and speed up the clearing up. However, disposables cost the schools so much money and staff and pupils want to also be mindful of the environment and reduce rubbish being thrown away around the school. Fife Council are on a sustainability drive and this was a great place to start.

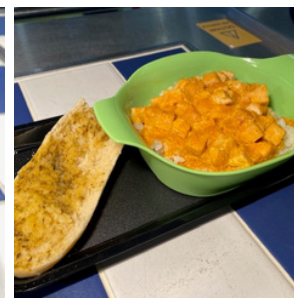


Fife Council agreed to run a trial of Harfield's reusable tableware, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive.

"We invested in clearly marked bins for students to return their reusable items, and the system is working really well," said Shirley McKie. "We've made sure the signage is clear to prevent plates and bowls from being accidentally discarded."

Linda Hume, from Queen Anne High School, shared her experience with the new tableware:

**"We've been using Harfield's Soup Plates for our main meals, the Platters and Oval Dishes for paninis and baked potatoes, and the MultiPots for pasta. For smaller servings and desserts, we've used the MultiDish and Sweet Dish. They've been fantastic. Not only are they reusable, but they're also manufactured in the UK, which is another important step forward in our sustainability efforts."**



To help ensure the success of the new system, Harfield provided Fife Council with a custom-designed poster to display beside the disposal bins.

Initially, there were concerns that students might dispose of the reusable tableware along with food waste. However, by clearly communicating the environmental benefits and using visual reminders, students quickly adapted. Plates and bowls were returned to the designated bin for washing, while leftover food was correctly placed in the food waste bin.

Harfield can offer personalised posters to all customers, supporting clear messaging and encouraging sustainable behaviours in schools and other settings.

