

PRESS RELEASE



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“Be Cool, Stay Cool, Drink Tap Water at School”

For several years now we have offered every primary, infant and junior school in our area a drinking water bottle for each pupil at a subsidised rate. This is part of our community initiative to promote the health benefits to young children of drinking water, especially as the quality of tap water has never been better than it is now. The response has been overwhelming with over 470,000 water bottles delivered to our local schools.

Sue Allery, Portsmouth Water's HR and Community Officer said “We all know that drinking water is good for a number of reasons such as hydration levels and anything that we can do to support local children to lead a healthier lifestyle can only be a good thing. We have been overwhelmed with the response and support to our drinking water bottle initiative and are therefore delighted to continue with it in 2016 at the same subsidised rate of 30p per bottle.

Over the next few weeks we will be writing to every primary, infant and junior school in our area offering them the opportunity to again purchase drinking water bottles ready for the new school year in September. They can also be ordered by downloading an application form from our website.

For more information please contact Ian Limb on 02392 499888

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Notes to Editors

Website: www.portsmouthwater.co.uk
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Portsmouth Water is one of the oldest water companies in the country, having been incorporated in 1857. We are proud sponsors of Portsmouth in Bloom, EBP Schools Science Fair, Staunton Country Park and Water Aid.

Our Water Sources

Our water, of high quality, is derived from the chalk of the South Downs and is abstracted from wells, boreholes, springs and the River Itchen. The Springs at Havant and Bedhampton are thought to be the largest group of springs used for public supplies in Europe.

Statistics

We serve 304,000 homes and businesses in an area covering 868 square kilometres (335 square miles) from the River Meon in Hampshire to the River Arun in West Sussex.

Every day we supply around 180 million litres (40 million gallons) of water to a population of over 660,000 people at the lowest cost in England and Wales. Portsmouth Water has approximately 16,500 non-household customers and 280,000 household customers.

Our Distribution Network

Water is supplied to our customers through a network of over 3,200 kilometres (1,990 miles) of underground water mains and more than 300,000 individual service connections, all of which are continuously maintained by our distribution staff.