



BENDEMEER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Following the NEA's launch of the nationwide Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) on 1 Apr 2026, all MOE schools will be implementing this initiative. The scheme encourages mindful consumption, proper recycling habits, and reduced littering whilst creating a clean stream of recyclables.

The BCRS applies a 10-cent deposit on beverages in plastic and metal containers (150ml-3L). This deposit is refunded when containers are returned to designated "Return Right" Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs). Only containers bearing the scheme's deposit mark are eligible for refunds.

During the transition period till 30 Sep 2026, school drink stall may continue selling existing stock without the deposit mark as well as new stock with the deposit mark. They will not charge the deposit for beverages without the deposit mark, and these containers are not eligible for refunds.

From 1 Oct 2026, all regulated beverages sold in school canteens must carry the deposit mark as required by law. Similar to hawker centres, the 10-cent deposit will be charged directly to students. This minimises operational burden and financial risk for stallholders, especially elderly ones who will find it challenging to return the containers.

Students are encouraged to develop responsible recycling habits by returning empty containers to RVMs located outside schools. Refunds will be processed digitally through EZ-Link cards or DBS PayLah!. Whilst rinsing is not required for refunds, we encourage students to empty and rinse containers before returning them as a good recycling practice and to address hygiene concerns.

We also hope that students maintain healthy lifestyles, such as using reusable bottles to refill water at water coolers located around the school for hydration.

You can refer to below link for more information on BCRS. For queries, you can also visit www.go.gov.sg/nea-feedback.

Thank you for your support in helping our students develop sustainable habits.

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