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Sunderland school donates furniture to Gambia

Desks, chairs and tables are winging their way to Gambia thanks to the generosity of a Sunderland primary school.

St Leonard's Catholic Primary School, which is part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, has donated a large quantity of old school surplus furniture to schools in Gambia as part of its mission to become more sustainable and help those in need.

Items of furniture have also been donated by the school to a local environment charity for their parent and toddler groups.

Grindon Church Community Project aims to protect the planet's future by encouraging growing, recycling and reusing objects to reduce waste.

Dionne Dunn, headteacher at St Leonard's, said: "I am super proud of our efforts and it's great to donate not just to our local community but international friends too as some of our old furniture will also be making their way to schools in Gambia, helping to support the education needs of children.

"The volunteers at Grindon were very grateful for the items and the opportunity to prevent items ending in landfill.

"I am delighted to support this particular initiative because at St Leonard's we are having a real push in school with recycling and eco-preservation.

"Our children have completed litter-picking last term and carried out an audit of where we can be more eco-friendly in school; resulting in the introduction of bins to recycle paper, switching lights off when not needed and a clothing recycling bin that we now have outside of school."

St Leonard's is a primary school in New Silksworth in Sunderland for boys and girls aged five to 11. For more information, please visit:

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