



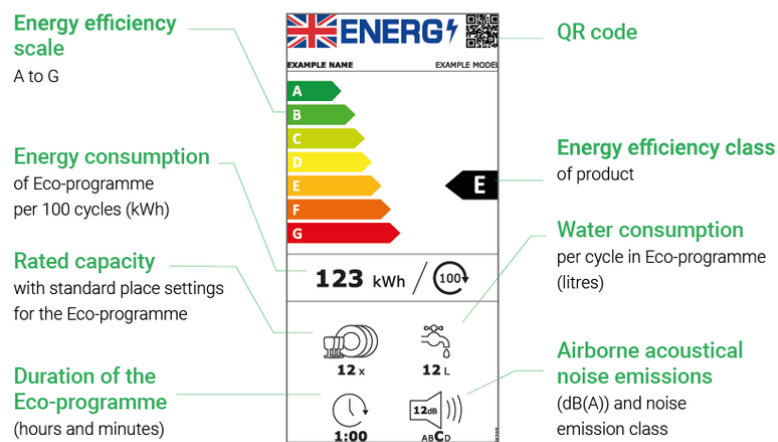
## Which appliance should you choose to buy?

### Energy efficiency

The most efficient appliance should be chosen when purchasing for the School:

- [Energy label](#) - choose appliances rated A, or B as a minimum (or A+++ or A++ for the old energy labels prior to March 2021)

#### New label for dishwashers



1 An example of the new Energy Label

- 2Energy Star® generally applies to IT and office products



Found another label and not sure what it means? Contact the [Sustainability Team](#)

### Cost vs lifetime

Once you have applied the energy criteria you may still have a few options to choose from, at this point cost is probably your next concern. Balance the cost against the expected lifetime of the product and any guarantees.

For example, product A has a lower cost with a 1-year guarantee and product B is only a bit more but with a 2-year guarantee. You are probably getting better value for money with product B. You will have to make a judgement in each case. Please send copies of evidence to the [Sustainability Team](#), as we are regularly audited on this.



## End of life of the product

Find out from the supplier if the appliance can be repaired and if it is possible to buy spare parts? This avoids the whole appliance needing to be replaced when it breaks.

If you are putting in a large order, eg 200 kettles, it is worth thinking about how you will dispose of the new ones once they end their life. For most electronics it is possible to organise a swap (old for new) as part of the product price, if you still have the old ones or if not, good to remember for the future.

**Please note**, it is illegal to place any electrical items into a waste/recycling bin. This waste must be segregated. See the 'Special Waste' section of the [LSE Sustainability website](#) for more information.