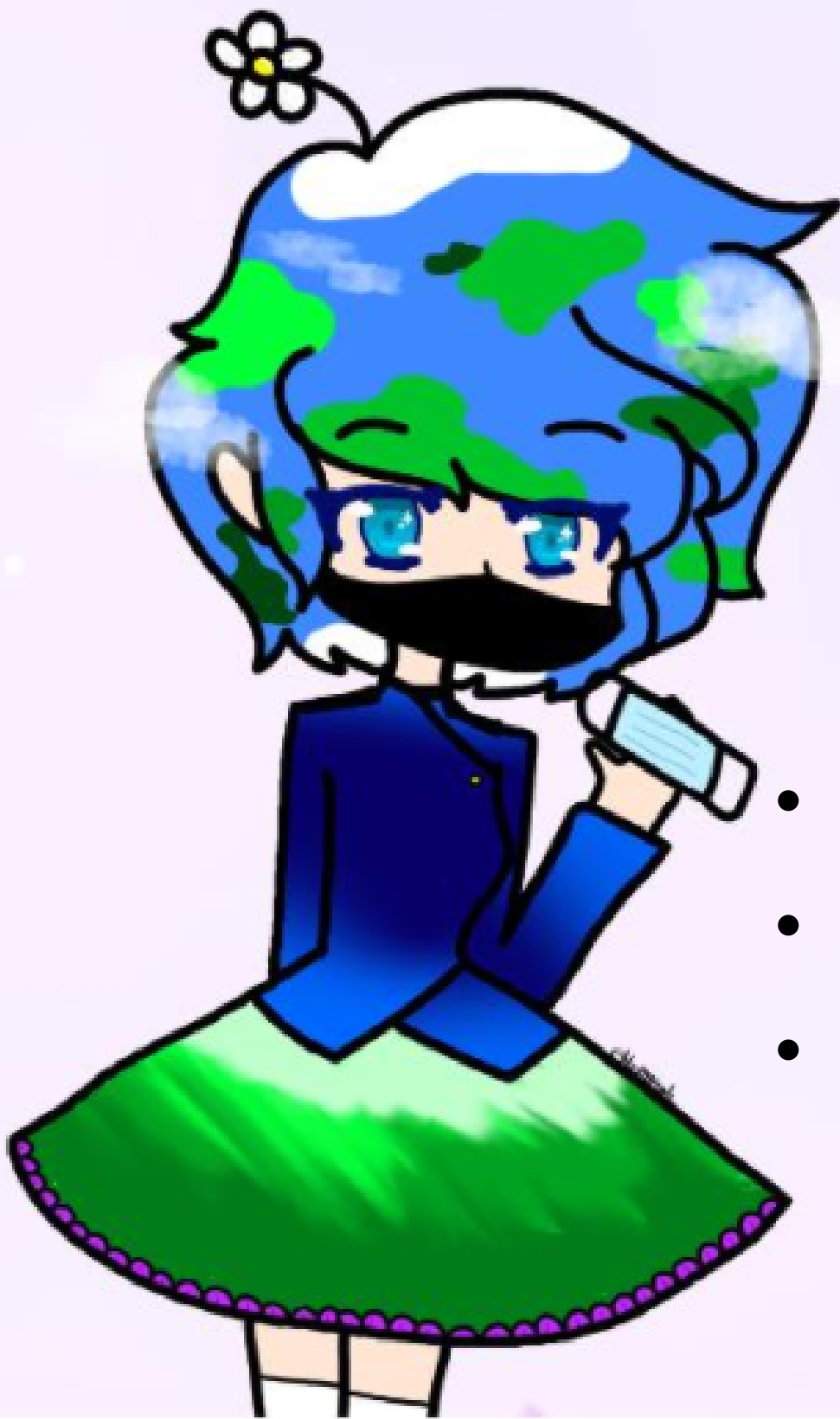


DISPOSABLE MASKS



Say no to disposable masks and say yes to reusable masks

Disposable masks:

- They can only be used once.
- They cannot be recycled.
- They are often not disposed of properly.

If disposable masks are not disposed of properly:

- They end up in the environment and hurt animals.
- They end up in the sea and break up into micro-plastics.
- Fish mistake them for food and eat them.
- Birds and other animals get tangled up in the earloops.

- It is estimated that 75% of the waste generated during the pandemic will end up in landfills.
- More than 1,000 tonnes of extra hazardous waste are being produced in Indonesia everyday.

This means that the environment will suffer the effects of Covid-19 long after the pandemic is over.

- Disposable masks are made of a material called polypropylene which takes about 500 years to decompose.

- Reusable masks are a better option because we can customize them to our liking using colours and patterns we like.
- They are also reusable and can be used and washed over and over again.
- Reusable masks are just as safe as disposable ones.

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