



St Martin's C of E Primary and Nursery School

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

***Aim:** St Martin's C of E Primary School commits to developing and implementing an Environmental policy and appropriate procedures that reflect our desire to become a low carbon school.*

The ways in which we will strive towards this goal is to **Reduce** the amount of materials we use and waste we produce, **Re-use** materials wherever possible, **Restore** what is deemed to have been destroyed and **Respect** our neighbours and our environment.

The Eco-Warrior Team was created to address environmental issues.

Reduce Energy

- We will switch off lights when they are not in use.
- We will keep outside doors shut in cold weather.
- We will make sure we turn off taps when they are no longer needed.
- We will audit/benchmark the amount of energy used when in school when possible to do so
- The Eco-Warrior Team will appoint class monitors to ensure these recommendations are carried out.

Paper

We will reduce the amount of paper we use in our classrooms by:-

- Writing and printing on both side of the paper whenever possible.
- Filing photocopies for use at a later date.
- We will send information electronically whenever possible
- Each classroom has a recycling box to enable us to re-cycle our unused paper, card and magazines

Transport

- We will continue to promote walking and cycling into school
- We will continue to take part in the 'Bike It' scheme to encourage
- safe cycling.

- We will encourage staff to walk/cycle to school where possible share transport when going on courses etc.
- Reduced parking at school site to encourage alternative transport into school

Re-use

Fruit

- Children encouraged to bring their own fruit in for breaktime snack.
- KSF/1 provided with fruit at breaktimes and all KS2 classrooms have composting bins for waste.
- The Eco-Warrior Team will compost the remains of the fruit.

Gardening

- Gardening waste will be put into the school compost bins.

Paper

- Paper will be re-used within the classroom. Each class has a recycling box for paper, card and magazines
- Display paper will be taken down carefully and re-used wherever possible.
- Paper will be used on both sides wherever possible.

Equipment and Uniform

- Outdated or unwanted equipment will be offered to others who might have a use for it.
- Good condition uniform including football boots and trainers, will be collected washed and reused.

Recycle

- Paper, card and magazines is collected in boxes in every class room and office area. This will be collected on a regular basis.
- We will recycle plastics, metals, printer and toner cartridges

(The Eco-Warrior Team will continue to evaluate our recycling scheme and add to the materials for recycling when necessary)

Respect

- We aim to learn about respecting our environment through our new school
- We will extend this respect to the environment and all living creatures.

Assessment

- The Eco-Warrior Team will continue to set green targets.

POLICY REVIEW TERM: Two years (changed from annual to two years Autumn 2018)

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