



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 Champions Team was created to address environmental issues.

This Policy has been reviewed during COVID restrictions, so the measures referred to are those which operate when restrictions are not in place.

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 Champions 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

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- 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 and 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 Champions 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- Outdated or unwanted equipment will be offered to others who might have a use for it.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 classroom and office area. This will be collected on a regular basis.
- We will recycle plastics, metals, printer and toner cartridges

(The Eco Champions 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 school
- We will extend this respect to the environment and all living creatures.

Assessment

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

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POLICY REVIEW

Policy Review Term:	Two years
Lead member of staff responsible for review:	School Business Manager
Lead Governor responsible for review:	<i>No governor oversight required – staff review only.</i>
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