



## ECO POLICY

AIMS: To support the Government Plan:

‘A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment.’

To bring awareness of these issues to staff, children and parents/carers using our nursery school. Throughout our school curriculum we encourage children to have a holistic understanding of the world around them – to be aware of their own environment and of how we can all support our earth. The views of the children are sought to try and find new ways of re-using and recycling.

Country Club: Children will learn how to protect and respect our outdoor environment, including recycling, composting, conservation and protection of the natural environment.

Energy: We monitor our energy consumption and ensure the efficiency of any new products bought. Staff are reminded to ensure that any electrical items not in use are switched off and unplugged where possible. Heating must be monitored, and adjusted where appropriate, on a daily basis so that resources are not wasted. Regard is paid to usage of tumble dryers and washing is dried naturally when possible.

Waste and recycling: Paper recycling bins have been placed around the school and staff work with children to help them identify items thrown away in each classroom. The school welcomes unwanted paper products which can be used for creative activities. We have two compost bins and children are involved with composting waste fruit and vegetables from snack time. Batteries and empty print cartridges are recycled. As nappies are counted as clinical waste these are taken away by the Local Authority.

Water: We monitor taps and toilets to ensure that water is not wasted. Water used for recreational purposes such as water-play is re-used whenever possible.

Litter and rubbish: We ensure that our grounds are kept free from litter and rubbish and that such items are disposed of in the appropriate bins, with regard to recycling. We talk to children about the problems of litter and teach them to report any litter to a member of staff.

Green Transport: As our nurseries are central within the towns and villages, many parents/carers can walk or cycle their children to us. Many of our staff also walk or cycle to and from work.

This policy will be reviewed in April 2023