

# **A POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ST ANNE'S INFANTS' COMMITMENT TO CARE**

## **THE AIM OF THIS POLICY**

The aim of this policy is to ensure consistent practice across the school in respect of sustainability in its widest context. This policy has been written with due regard to our obligations under the public sector equality duty.

## **THE POLICY SHOULD ENHANCE LEARNING BY**

- Ensuring staff, children and parents are aware of the need to ensure sustainability
- Reduce costs on such things like heating, lighting, materials etc savings can then be spent on items / resources that enhance children's learning

## **TERMINOLOGY AND RATIONALE**

Sustainable development is essential to ensure quality of life without damaging the planet for the future. This requires a balance between economic prosperity, social equity and care for the environment.

St Anne's Infants' School is acutely aware of its responsibility to promote and practise sustainable development and this approach is reflected in our school vision:-

- ❖ Looking after ourselves and others.
- ❖ Learning something new every day.
- ❖ Always trying our best.
- ❖ Always wanting to know more.
- ❖ Looking after the world we are in.

## **Our Sustainability Objectives**

- ❖ To encourage our students to care for themselves (their health and well-being), for each other and for the environment.
- ❖ To lead by example and practice what we preach.
- ❖ To promote and practice the principles of social equity both in school and through our links with local, national and global communities.
- ❖ To empower our students to lead sustainable lives through educating them in sustainable behaviours.
- ❖ To strive towards the sustainable schools 2020 vision.

## **AGREED PROCEDURES**

- We will endeavour to address issues of **global sustainability, discrimination, equality of opportunity, citizenship, and making a positive contribution to society** across all areas of school life through the delivery of the taught and planned curriculum as well as taking appropriate opportunities from local, national and international events

- We will endeavour to ensure all sections of our pupil population **participate** and are **involved** in decisions making processes through such bodies as our school council and eco schools team.
- We acknowledge that **healthy eating** helps to improve pupils and staff health, concentration and learning outcomes.
- In line with our School Food Policy, all food and drink offered to pupils, staff and visitors are nutritionally healthy and where possible, produced locally. We encourage parents to be aware of this policy and actively support it.
- As an Eco School, we are conscious of the need to **conserve energy and water** and the school will endeavour to encourage efficiency in these areas. We will continually monitor energy use and develop ways of reducing consumption. We have introduced Eco cleaning products and will introduce ways to help us cut down on our environmental impact.
- The School's Travel Plan promotes walking and cycling to school. **Greener travel** contributes towards safety, fitness, and alertness of our students and reduces emission levels and congestion.
- The school **reuses and recycles** wherever possible and has a policy of only printing when necessary. Equipment and lights are switched off when not in use and wherever possible; we will reuse or dispose of old equipment in an ecologically sound way. We only purchase recycled paper and commit to use more recyclable products in the future
- The school has been harvesting **rain water** to water our vegetable planters and we are working to create a wildlife friendly playground. We have had new **windows** installed and are committed to future improvements such as sensor lighting and solar PV panels.
- Through **engaging with parents, local businesses, schools and community groups**, we will endeavour to hold environmental projects raising awareness of sustainability issues. Our forest school hopes to teach our pupils about the value of the local woodlands and the benefit of spending time there. We provide a community clothes recycling service.
- We will continue to extend this ethos of sustainability throughout the school in our determination to move towards a healthier, safer, more inclusive and equitable society and to encourage our pupils to become ambassadors for sustainability in the wider community.

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THIS POLICY

This policy should be reviewed against its aim; the extent to which it supports the school with its endeavours to raise awareness of and contribute to sustainability within the school, local, national and international arenas.

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