

## Environmental Policy

To be reviewed Bi-Annually.

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Everton Nursery School and Family Centre will reduce activities which may damage the environment globally and aims to improve the quality of life for the children at Everton in the following ways:

### **To minimise waste within the school/centre staff will:**

- Be encouraged to repair or find ways of repairing equipment/resources within the school/centre.
- Use the paper and recycle system. Try to ensure that all paper is used on both sides before being recycled. Encourage this with children within all rooms within the school/centre.
- Reuse envelopes wherever possible.
- Promote wherever possible when purchasing equipment/furniture made from wood. Make a conscious effort of purchasing products from forests where the trees will be replaced and endeavour not to purchase tropical hardwood.
- Wherever possible buy recycled photocopier and computer ink cartridges.
- Wherever possible purchase refillable pens.
- To recycle old furniture.

### **To minimise energy consumption the school/centre will:**

- Encourage staff, children, parents, carers and visitors to turn off lights when the room is not in use.
- Encourage staff to turn off the room computers when not in use.
- Wherever possible, use low energy efficient bulbs throughout the school/centre.

### **To promote fair trade plus organic produce the centre will provide a choice and endeavour as far as possible:**

- When purchasing staff room refreshments consider buying in bulk and fairly traded products.
- Avoid using plastic/polystyrene plates, cups or cutlery at events. If this is unavoidable then the cups etc are reused/recycled during and after the event.
- Wherever possible buy local produce and make use of local greengrocers for children and staffs fruit.
- Wherever possible purchase Eco washing up liquid and environmental cleaning products.
- Encourage staff and children to make compost for use in the outdoor environment.

**To support sustainable transport staff, parents and visitors are encouraged to:**

- Travel by public transport or bicycle, to car share whenever possible and to ensure the map with directions to the centre includes the local bus route.

**To promote a sustainable working environment the school/centre staff team support:**

- Investing care and time into creating a healthy, pleasant environment (including plants), displaying children's work, making sure the school/centre is clean and well organised.
- Working with children within the school/centre to be actively involved in the litter patrols.
- Using the water butt to collect rain water to use to water plants/vegetables and support in children's play.
- Using the compost bin that enriches soil and helps to suppress plant diseases and pests.
- Working within the school/centre equal opportunity and racial diversity policy.
- Working to create an open, inclusive and friendly culture.
- Promoting the continued work of the Healthy Schools Award.
- Ensuring the Citizenship Policy and Health and Safety Policy are underpinned within the Environmental Policy.
- To stop the use of glitter and other micro plastics that are particularly hazardous to our ocean life.
- To limit the use of single use plastics within the school/centre.

**Policy Review**

This policy was agreed by the Curriculum Committee on 30/4/2019 and put forward to the main Governing Body on 9/05/2019.