

St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

Environmental Education Policy

It is important to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of our actions upon the environment in which we live, work and relax. In order to do this, we need to take responsibility for our own actions and we need to have a sense of duty and care for the world in which we live.

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.

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.

The eco-warriors will work 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 sides of the paper whenever possible.
- Filing photocopies for use at a later date.
- Not printing documents unless it is absolutely necessary.

Each class will have a waste paper box to enable us to re-cycle our paper.

Transport

- We will continue to promote the Golden Boot Competition.
- We will continue to take part in the Bikeability scheme to encourage safe cycling.
- We will encourage staff to share transport when going on courses etc.

Re-use

Gardening

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

Paper

- Paper will be reused within the classroom. Each class will have a box of partially used paper that can be used again.
- 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- Outdated or unwanted equipment will be offered to others who might have a use for it.
- Any other un-claimed uniform will be taken to a clothes recycling bank.

Recycle

At St Lawrence C of E Junior School, we recycle a range of materials on a regular basis.

- Paper is collected in boxes in every classroom and office areas. This will be collected on a regular basis by monitors and placed in the paper recycling box on site.
- All photocopier and printer cartridges are returned to the manufacturer for recycling.

Restore

Areas disturbed by sport, by accident, or by malicious damage will if possible be restored to their original condition.

Children will take responsibility for keeping the school grounds tidy and collecting any litter

Children will be encouraged to treat all school equipment with respect. Books and other equipment will be repaired wherever possible.

Respect

This rule will permeate all we do whether it is discussing global issues, welcoming people of different races, faiths, abilities, or dealing on a daily basis with each other.

Assessment

Observation of particular children and around the school will be a good indication of the success of some of these strategies.

Events such as assemblies and the children's work will be another way of measuring the effectiveness of this policy.

The Eco-Warriors meet on a regular basis to look at ways of achieving the school's environmental aims.

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