



Shakespeare

Primary School

Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery Environmental Policy

Policy Statement

The following statement sets out the environmental objectives for Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery. We will;

- encourage staff and pupils to think about their environment and how their actions impact upon the national and global picture
- minimise the adverse impact of our school on the environment
- develop good habits and behaviours in order that staff, pupils and their families can contribute to a sustainable future
- help to provide a better environment for future generations.

Staff and pupils will be encouraged to extend our objectives to life outside school.

School will continually review, improve and develop this policy.

Implementation

We are part of the Eco schools programme, which aims to engage, motivate and empower our children to care for the planet now and throughout their lifetimes. We are working towards the Eco-schools green flag accreditation, which is our commitment to a greener way of learning and living.

Reduce, reuse, restore and recycle

We will reduce the waste sent to landfill by reducing, reusing, restoring and recycling by:

- reducing the amount of paper we are using by communicating with parents and carers, where possible, via text or email
- encouraging, where possible, children to write in their books rather than printing and sticking
- only printing when absolutely necessary
- printing in black and white rather than colour
- writing and/or printing on both sides of the paper whenever possible
- providing recycling bins in every classroom and office
- recycling paper, plastics, metal, printer cartridges, batteries, school uniform and everyday materials
- encouraging children to treat all school equipment with respect. Books and other equipment will be repaired wherever possible
- switching off electrical items when not in use. We currently have LED lighting throughout the building, which is motion sensed. Our PCs switch off automatically each evening at 6.30pm.

Outdoor environment

- In the development of our grounds, we are planting as many trees as possible and will protect existing natural habitats and encourage biodiversity.
- When learning outside, children will be encouraged to return all living creatures to their original habitat.
- Gardening waste will be put into the school compost bins.
- Areas disturbed by sport, by accident, or by malicious damage will if possible be restored to its original condition.

Transport

For pupils, we will;

- continue to encourage walking to school
- continue to encourage our children to cycle to school
- continue to work with our colleagues at Leeds City Council to be the location for a bike lending library
- continue to take part in the bikeability scheme to encourage safe cycling

For staff, we will;

- continue to encourage our staff to walk or cycle to work by providing staff storage for bikes
- continue to promote Leeds City Council's cycle to work scheme for staff
- provide electrical car charging ports in the staff car park.