



Happiness

Independence

Solid Foundation

## HAREFIELD INFANTS AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### ECO SCHOOLS AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY.

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It's our world....



...we're the children of tomorrow!!

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

We will endeavour to address the nine topics of eco schools and the issues of global sustainability across all areas of school life.

At Harefield Infants School we will educate our children in Eco School and Sustainable Development through example, participation and direct teaching. Direct teaching will be through topic teaching covering science and geography although teaching and learning will take place across all subject areas where appropriate. The nine Eco schools topics will be covered on a weekly basis through directed teaching during circle time. All these approaches will aim to raise awareness, understanding, practice and reflection of the key principles.

### **Aims**

To ensure that the school prepares young people for a lifetime of sustainable living, through its teaching, fabric and its every day practices. It is guided by a commitment to care:

- To demonstrate care for ourselves (health and well-being);
- To demonstrate care for others (across cultures, distances and generations);
- To demonstrate care for the planet (both locally and globally).

## **Food and Drink**

Harefield Infants has achieved a Healthy Schools award and we continue to encourage children to eat healthily. Fruit is provided daily and toast and cereal are provided during breakfast club.

## **Energy**

As an Eco School we are conscious of the need to conserve energy and water. Adults and children are encouraged to acknowledge these issues. The Eco Warriors have designed posters which are displayed throughout the school to remind adults and children.

## **Paper**

Everyone is encouraged to recycle paper. Teachers and grown ups working in the school, wherever possible will photocopy or print double sided. The Eco warriors use any scrap paper from classrooms to make note pads for the teachers.

## **Ink cartridges**

We have recently distributed letters advertising our recycling services for cartridges and mobile phone.

## **Transport**

Children and parents are encouraged to walk to school. We participate in Walk to School Week. We have undertaken a travelling to school survey. We have facilities for children to keep their bikes and scooters.

## **Grounds**

We encourage our children to look after the garden areas and use their ideas for the future development of other wildlife areas. We encourage the involvement of parents and other members of the community to support future development. Garden and fruit waste is put into the school compost bin.

Children help keep the grounds free from rubbish by collecting litter.

## **Monitoring and reviewing**

The Eco co-ordinator will review the policy for Sustainable development involving the whole school staff, head teacher and governors.

## **Communication**

This policy will be shared with all staff and pupils and the wider community (website) and regularly revisited.

Through this policy we will actively encourage the whole school community to take responsibility for energy encouraging a sense of duty and care for the world in which we live.