



Happiness

Independence

Solid Foundation

HAREFIELD INFANTS AND NURSERY SCHOOL  
GREEN PROCUREMENT POLICY.

APRIL 2013.

It's our world...



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

Harefield Nursery and Infants School will ensure that when all products and services are purchased, we will consider environmental aspects, potential impacts and costs, associated with their life cycle. As a school we support moving towards a resource efficient, climate friendly and socially responsible society; therefore, we recognise the need to develop reasonable procurement practices that seek to reduce our carbon footprint.

Our practice of procuring products and services will endeavor to ensure that they are less harmful to the environment (land, air and water) and that they are made with less harmful materials when produced, used or consumed. This will include, where possible; buying locally, buying recycled and recyclable, using less chemicals and reducing the schools carbon footprint associated with products and services.

### **Aims.**

This policy will be considered with regard to the purchasing of all goods and services for Harefield Infants School. By implementing this policy, the school aims to:

- minimise unnecessary purchasing
- make more sustainable use of natural (often finite) resources
- decrease the impact of the school's activities on the environment
- decrease waste (avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle)
- minimise toxicity to promote human and environmental health
- support sustainable, ethical, industries
- change the culture of purchasing in the community to an informed approach that considers the environmental and ethical implications of all goods and services
- consider the ecological footprint of all products and services purchased for the school
- maximise value for money

### **Specific Actions.**

Where possible, Harefield Infants will:

- purchase products that have minimal packaging, are energy and resource efficient, and a high recyclable content
- purchase paper for printers and photocopiers that is either recycled or from sustainable resources
- set printers to double sided print as default
- give parents/careers the option for newsletters and notices to be distributed online
- limit the amount of printed materials sent home to students with homework being placed on the VLE.

- purchase equipment and furniture made from recycled materials when they need to be replaced
- reuse or source recycled products
- choose products that are durable and repairable
- choose biodegradable products that are non-toxic
- recycle used goods (computers, printers, furniture, lighting etc)
- try to purchase fair trade products
- use eco-buying guides to aid purchasing decisions

### **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.