

Fledglings Day Nursery Environmental Policy

Statement of Intent

We believe that as a business we have a responsibility to operate in such a way as to reduce negative environmental impact and promote positive environmental benefits, for current and future generations.

We will establish working procedures, which support this ethos and our staff/volunteers and parents all take part in instilling in the children an understanding of the environment and how best to look after it.

Our first and most important rule is that we will respect one another. We will extend this respect to the environment and all living creatures.

Our organisation practices the principle of the 3R's by:

1. Reducing waste where possible by thinking about what we buy and how we use it.

Energy

- We will switch off lights when they are not in use.
- We will make sure we turn off taps when they are no longer needed
- We will use energy saving light bulbs wherever possible.
- Unused electronic equipment such as computers will be switched off when not in use and not left on standby.
- We will have the heating on a timer and set temperature

Paper

We will reduce the amount of paper we use by:-

- Writing and printing on both sides of the paper whenever possible.
- Using scrap paper in printers, for activities, for taking messages and for writing notes or draft copies of documents.
- Not printing non-essential documents and emails
- We will annually review which internal documents and external publications are essential; if they are not they will be cancelled thus reducing waste and saving money.
- Whenever suitable we will send information electronically such as by email.

Transport

- We will encourage staff to share transport when going on courses etc.
- We will promote the use of cycling and walking as the main means of travel to local meetings, and use public transport where systems allow efficient use. For journeys that require the use of a car, car sharing will be encouraged.
- We will encourage all families to consider the environmental impact of their journey to and from the setting and to reduce this where possible.
- We will support our families, staff and volunteers in researching suitable public transport/ cycle links and routes

2. Re-use

- Display paper will be taken down carefully and re-used wherever possible.
- We will work together with parents to provide recycled materials for use in arts and crafts for the children.
- Outdated or unwanted equipment will be offered to others who might have a use for it.
- We use resource centres such as Scrap Store and charity shops to source activity resources.
- We are committed to the re-use of envelopes and packaging where possible.

3. Recycle is the least preferred option of the 3Rs.

- All paper, card, glass, plastic, tetra pack and tin is recycled via council collections.
- Food waste is composted via a commercial collection.
- Ink cartridges and batteries are recycled.
- If office furniture or IT equipment is being replaced then we will seek to have those items reused or recycled.
- We will use/support social economy organisations to recycle materials as appropriate.
- We will teach the children about recycling and get involved when suitable.

This policy will be monitored and reviewed regularly by the management to ensure that it is being implemented. The policy and operating procedures will be amended as appropriate to take account of new technology and environmental initiatives.

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