

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

It is important for the pupils at Eden Park to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of their actions upon the environment in which they 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 and **Recycle** materials which can be used again. **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.
- In a small number of rooms, where appropriate, we will have movement sensitive lights
- We use heating in a responsible manner
- Monitoring of monthly energy use takes place
- Encourage, (as a 'Healthy School'), pupils to reduce their consumption of plastic wrapped snacks in preference for degradable/ compostable snack products (fruit!).

Paper

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

- Writing and printing on both side of the paper whenever possible.
- Filing photocopies for use at a later date.
- Encourage staff and pupils to use paperless forms of communication wherever possible
- In addition, some classes will have a waste paper box to enable us to re-cycle our paper.

Transport

As an Independent school it is difficult to create a 'walking bus' as our students come from many and varied areas. However we have a travel plan and are committed to reducing the number of car journeys undertaken wherever possible

- We will encourage staff to share transport when going on courses etc.
- We will encourage staff to use public transport wherever possible to attend conferences/courses

RE-USE

Donated materials including containers

- The School will try to find uses for donated materials. This may be to help with storage or for use in art.
- Where uses cannot be found, we will endeavour to recycle it.

Paper

- Paper will be re-used within the classroom. Each class will have a box of partially used paper that can be used again.
- Where possible we will purchase display boards which are hessian backed and do not therefore automatically require the use of large amounts of backing paper
- 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.
- Good condition uniform including football boots and trainers will be collected washed and sold or given to children.
- Redundant computer equipment. We will recycle redundant computer equipment by using a specialist recycling contractor, or alternatively dispose of equipment classed as hazardous waste
- Florescent tubes/lights are either recycled or disposed of safely at the appropriate sites
- Redundant chemical drums generated by the swimming pool are returned to the supplier for re-use

RECYCLE

At Eden Park Academy, we recycle a range of materials on a regular basis. We have a central collection point outside the 'pupil entrance' although the new build is providing a purpose built recycling area

- Paper is collected in boxes in most class rooms and the office area. This will be collected on a regular basis by monitors and placed in the green paper recycling box on site. We have a trade waste agreement to recycle our cardboard
- Aluminum cans and silver foil will be collected in labeled plastic bins in the kitchen room.
- Cartridges from computer ink will be collected in a labelled bin.
- Mobile phones will be collected in a labeled bin and sent to a factory for reconditioning or recycling.
- Recycled material collected in bins.

- All waste which cannot be recycled through the usual schemes is disposed of through Bath Recycling Skips

RESTORE

- School habitats such as the pond, hedgerows etc are used by the children to study flora and fauna and their habitat. Children will be encouraged to return all living creatures to their original habitat.
- Areas disturbed by sport, by accident, or by malicious damage will if possible be restored to its original condition.
- Children will be encouraged to treat all school equipment with respect. Books and other equipment will be repaired wherever possible.

RESPECT

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

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.
- Reduction in frequency of refuse bins being collected, more frequent recycled materials collections.