

# Orleans Primary School



## Reduce, Re-use and Recycle policy

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Signed Chair of Governors:

Date:

Signed Head teacher:

Date:

## Orleans Primary School – Recycling Policy

The children, staff, parents and governors of Orleans Primary School are committed to developing their care of the environment. We realise the importance of caring for the environment both for current and future generations. We aim for this policy to become a fundamental part of the school's culture and clearly demonstrate that the school is taking seriously its role as part of the wider community. Our main aims are to keep our school free of litter, reduce the amount of rubbish we send to landfill and increase the amount of materials we recycle.

### **Eco-building**

During the building programme when the school was changing from an infant to a primary the architects and planners of the new school building worked with children, staff and governors to include a number of eco-friendly features in its construction. These are solar panels, sedum roofs, water butts, sensor lighting and temperature controlled radiators. These have enhanced our eco-friendly status.

### **Actions**

- We will ensure that the playground areas within our schools are provided with litter and recycling bins that are clearly marked and easily accessed. (Teachers or caretaker will report any repairs or concerns with these bins)
- We will ensure that regular environmental education is undertaken in our school, with workshops and projects run to ensure knowledge and awareness amongst students and the wider community.
- We will ensure that the catering staff have access to recycling bins, and are trained on how to use them.
- We will purchase recycled paper, and other school necessities whenever possible.
- We will ensure that regular environmental education is undertaken in our school, with workshops and projects run to ensure knowledge and awareness amongst students and the wider community – e.g. ECO TALES / Sustainability workshops / Scooter training and Walk to school week

### **Raising Awareness**

Our aim is for the whole school community to be involved in recycling; this policy has been shared with all staff and with parents. All staff are aware of our aims and how we are implementing them. Pupils are encouraged to actively support our Eco-Team who organise activities, which help to minimise the use of materials. Each class has two Eco monitors who support the Eco Code within their class and encourage other children to do so.

### **Outlined below are examples in ways we are reducing what we use as a school**

#### Paper

- Each class will have a waste bin specifically for paper. These are also in the office and photocopier room.
- We will always use both sides of the paper.
- We will ensure that the scrap paper from our printers and photocopiers is recycled or used in our classrooms or offices.

#### Water

- Taps replaced with push down taps to ensure less wastage of water.
- Solar panels fitted on both the hall and main building – generating electricity from the sunlight and feeding back into the national grid.

- Sedum roof on the hall roof providing insulation during the colder months and a cooling effect during the summer.
- We will switch off all lights and turn off computers and photocopiers when not in use.
- We will turn off all taps when not in use.
- Each class will have a member of the Eco-team who will ensure that energy saving actions are undertaken.
- Windows and doors will be kept closed in cold weather in order to preserve heat.
- Censored lighting provided in the Year 4 and 5 classrooms, cupboards in the hall, reception area.

#### Transport

- Encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school
- Encourage staff to cycle or use public transport
- School will encourage cycling through cycling proficiency schemes. Cycle racks have been built for staff both in the main and back entrance.
- Where car use is unavoidable, school will encourage car sharing for staff, and parents bringing pupils to school parking further away and walking the final section of the school journey, where possible.

#### Re-use

- Garden materials will be put into the composting bins.
- Water bottles will be cleaned out and reused.

#### Recycle

- School will provide fruit for all children. All packaging will be recycled.
- All relevant dry recyclables will be placed into blue bins or other receptacles that have been placed around the school. In order for them to be taken to the main collection area within the school.
- School will introduce a collection for other recyclable materials. E.g. pens, batteries etc. Proceeds will be used to purchase school resources or used by a charity, where possible.
- The eco committee will monitor recycling and change the list of materials whenever necessary.
- Cooked food recycling by kitchen

#### School Eco-Code

At our school, we believe in being eco-friendly. The aims of our school are to:

- \* Reduce
- \* Reuse
- \* Recycle

Working together, with perseverance and determination, we can make our school and the world in which we live a better place.

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