

## **Sustainability Policy**

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# Sustainability Policy

East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet, Herts EN4 8PU

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## A. Statement of Principle

East Barnet School is committed to being a sustainable and environmentally friendly school. The School aim to reduce its carbon footprint and to implement and maintain practices which will help to foster an awareness and understanding of the environment in both students and staff. The management and maintenance of the School environment should provide an example to students of how to respect and care for the environment. Wherever possible students and staff should be encouraged and expected to adopt sustainable practices. Sustainability and caring the environment should be incorporated and embedded within the School's curriculum and enrichment activities.

## B. Statement of Intent

The School intends to:-

- Where possible, promote the procurement and use of non-renewable and environmentally friendly resources, including new builds and refurbishments
- To develop a recycling strategy and to encourage recycling throughout the school, ensuring promotion and that there are sufficient resources (e.g. recycling bins).
- To continue to promote sustainability through the ECO enrichment group with the use of assemblies to reach the wider community.
- To work, and development relationships, with external organisations to promote environmentally friendly behaviour in and outside of school

## C. Roles and Responsibilities

### Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for

- monitoring the implementation of the Sustainability Policy.
- Ensuring actions following any energy surveys are followed through.

## **Senior Leadership Team**

The Senior Leadership Team are responsible for:-

- Developing the Sustainability Policy and strategy across the school.
- Promoting sustainability across the school.
- Ensuring that staff and students are aware of the link between energy usage and cost and the impact this has on the school priorities.
- Ensuring that sustainability is embedded within the School Improvement Plan.
- Encouraging sustainability through whole school initiatives and assemblies.
- Ensuring that, where appropriate, sustainability is incorporated within curriculum Schemes of Work.
- Ensuring that any estates development incorporates sustainable initiatives and that all future new build and refurbishment building projects confirm to the highest environmental standards where these are consistent with good financial management.
- Commissioning energy surveys where appropriate and ensuring actions are followed through.
- Encouraging sustainable travel through the development of a School Travel Plan.
- Providing adequate and safe facilities for students and staff cycling and walking to school.
- Reporting regularly to Governors,

## **Premises Manager**

The Premises Manager is responsible for

- Ensuring that the recycling bins are regularly emptied.
- Overseeing the waste management contract, ensuring that recycling opportunities are maximised.
- Managing the Building Management System (BMS), maximising opportunities for zoning heating and lighting and ensuring the timers are set appropriately.
- Working with contractors to identify and implement effective energy saving measures where possible and reasonably practicable.

## **Network Manager**

The Network Manager is responsible for:-

- Ensuring that all non-essential computers shut down at 5pm.
- Ensuring that all IT hardware is suitably recycled.
- Ensuring that the switching off of IT equipment is monitored.

## **Catering Manager**

The Catering Manager is responsible for:-

- Ensuring the effective recycling of all food waste in the kitchen.
- Ensuring the effective recycling of all other waste in the kitchen e.g. cans, plastic, minimising general waste.
- Supporting the development of recycling initiatives across the dining hall, including the introduction and promotion of a recycling station.
- Monitoring the use of water in the kitchen.

### **Senior Finance Officer**

The Senior Finance Officer is responsible for:-

- Working with Zenergi and the Premises Manager to monitor the energy consumption.
- Providing reports on print usage to Departments.
- Ensuring, where possible, that sustainable products are sourced when procuring.

### **Staff and Students**

Staff and Students are:-

- Encouraged to reduce the amount of paper/printing, utilising online resources, only printing documents where necessary and then printing double sided where possible. Printing is monitored and recharged through the managed print service.
- Encouraged to recycle all paper within the classroom utilising the bins provided.
- Asked to ensure that all computers, screens, printers, projectors etc are turned off.
- Asked to turn off lights when not being used.
- Encouraged to procure environmentally friendly resources where possible.
- Encouraged not to litter and to understand the environmental impact litter can cause.

### **Eco Group**

The Eco Group are responsible for:-

- Identifying and promoting sustainable initiatives across the school through assemblies, competitions, posters etc.

In addition, the school is committed to recycling items such as unwanted uniform and regularly holds pre-loved sales for parents.

The School is committed to ensuring that it continues to develop areas of biodiversity and a strategy to encourage wildlife within the school grounds.