Bushey Heath Primary School
Environmental Policy

A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

Purpose

At Bushey Heath Primary School, we are committed to fostering environmental responsibility and sustainability within our school community. We believe it is essential to educate our pupils on the importance of protecting our environment for future generations and to lead by example through sustainable practices in our daily operations.

Aims

Our Environmental Policy aims to:

- Promote environmental awareness among pupils, staff, and the wider community.
- Reduce our carbon footprint and manage resources efficiently.
- Encourage sustainable behaviours both in and outside of school.
- Comply with relevant environmental regulations and best practices.

Key Principles

1. Waste Management
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle wherever possible.
- Minimise waste generated by the school by avoiding unnecessary consumption and promoting digital communication.
- Implement composting for organic waste (e.g., food from the canteen).

2. Energy Conservation
- Regularly monitor and reduce energy consumption in classrooms, offices, and communal areas.
- Encourage energy-saving habits such as turning off lights, computers, and other electronic devices when not in use.
- Explore renewable energy options for the school, such as solar panels.

3. Water Conservation
- Promote water-saving practices across the school.
- Install water-saving devices such as sensor taps and dual-flush toilets where possible.

4. Sustainable Transport
- Encourage walking, cycling, and car-sharing for pupils, staff, and parents.
- Promote the use of public transport where feasible.

5. Outdoor Learning and Biodiversity
- Use outdoor spaces to teach students about nature, wildlife, and the importance of biodiversity.
- Maintain and enhance our school grounds with eco-friendly initiatives, such as planting trees, wildflower gardens, and maintaining a vegetable patch.
- Participate in national and local environmental initiatives (e.g., tree planting, litter-picking days).

6. Sustainable Procurement
- Where possible, purchase eco-friendly, ethically sourced, and sustainably produced goods.
- Ensure that all suppliers comply with environmental standards.

7. Curriculum Integration
- Incorporate environmental education into the curriculum, helping pupils understand key concepts such as renewable energy, and conservation.
- Promote eco-consciousness through school projects, eco-clubs, and assemblies.

8. Community Engagement

- Engage with parents, local businesses, and community organisations to support environmental initiatives.
- Communicate regularly with the school community about the importance of sustainability and the steps the school is taking.

Monitoring and Evaluation

We will:

- Appoint an Eco-Committee comprising staff, pupils, and governors to oversee the implementation of this policy.
- Set annual environmental targets and review our progress each year.
- Regularly audit our practices and make necessary adjustments to meet sustainability goals.

Conclusion

At Bushey Heath Primary, we understand that every action counts in protecting our planet. By embedding environmental responsibility in our culture, we aim to empower our students to be the environmental leaders of tomorrow.

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