

Sandwood Primary School



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Sustainability Policy





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Sandwood Primary School is committed to educating pupils to a high standard, facilitating them to develop informed attitudes as Global citizens and supporting Sustainable Education wherever possible.

Sustainable development education is a life-long approach which aims to deliver knowledge and understanding of current global issues and encourages a solution focused approach on how to act on them. It informs pupil's values and develops their informed attitudes through an exploration of the fundamental principles of the way we live our lives now and the impact and consequences our lifestyles have on the environment and society now and in future generations.

In our establishment learning for Sustainability encompasses; global citizenship, Fairtrade, outdoor learning, sustainable development education and children's rights education.

Sandwood Primary School will take a coherent, strategic approach towards Sustainable education:

- Identify a coordinator for Sustainable education within our school.
- Establish a whole school approach by embedding sustainable education within in our school social subjects planning.
- Complete Sustainability Education Audit annually to create a plan of action.
- Review and evaluate the school policy regularly, forming next points of action.
- Plan and monitor progress of the school action plan.
- Ensure the concept of Sustainable education in our visions, values and aims is embedded.
- Liaise with and inform our Parent council regarding this policy.
- Liaise with and involve our Right's Respecting School Ambassadors, Fairtrade Steering Group and Eco Schools groups in Sustainable Education.
- Liaise with Enterprise business links (such as Sainsbury's and Co-op) to progress in our joint sustainable development goals.
- In line with new GTCS professional standards; "All education practitioners (including Management) should engage with learning for Sustainability education in their professional development, self-evaluating their progress in the PDR process.
- The school building, grounds and policies should support outdoor learning opportunities for all learners, ensuring the inclusion of all.
- Outdoor play should be part of the normal daily routine of all learners.
- The school will continue to develop the school grounds.

Sustainable Education aims:

- Provide regular outdoor learning opportunities.
- Pupils should engage in Sustainable Education; as part of a local, national and international community- becoming an effective global citizen.
- Pupils will develop an understanding of the environment, society and economy and how these are interlinked.
- Pupils will be taught about the inequity of the ecological limits to development and the interdependence of ecological and human wellbeing.
- Pupils will complete a weekly eco spot.
- Pupils will participate in Earth hour annually.
- Pupils will participate in an annual eco day.
- Pupils will learn about Sustainability in Science, Technology and Topical Science Studies.
- Pupils will learn about all key themes of Ecological development across the school year and will also complete a more in depth study of important environmental factors in Eco Education such as renewable sources of energy.
- Pupils will be taught about the rights of children; they will study a monthly themed right focus.
- Pupils will learn about Global Citizenship through learning about Global themes within their Social Subjects education, by participating in the Global Storylines approach when appropriate and by participating in Fairtrade themed work which will be embedded throughout the school year.

This Policy is supported by:

	Signed by	Date
The Senior Management Team	Head Teacher	
The Parent council	Chair of school council	
The Fairtrade Steering Group coordinator	Class Teacher	
Rights Respecting Schools Coordinator	Class Teacher	
Eco Schools Coordinator	Class Teacher	
The Fairtrade Steering Group	Pupil representative	
Pupil Council	Pupil representative	
Rights respecting school	Pupil ambassador	
Eco schools	Pupil representative	