



THE
NEW GUILD
TRUST

Eco Policy

POLICY

This policy has been adopted on behalf of all four academies in The New Guild Trust:

**Moorpark Junior School
Jackfield Infant School
Alexandra Junior School
Alexandra Infants' School**

Approval and Review

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Introduction

The New Guild Trust is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and sustainable environment for all pupils and staff. We recognise the importance of caring for the environment and teaching children the values of sustainability and conservation from an early age. This Eco Policy outlines our commitment to fostering eco-friendly practices within our schools.

Aims

- To raise awareness of environmental issues and the importance of sustainability among pupils, their families and staff.
- To reduce waste and promote recycling within the schools.
- To conserve energy and water wherever possible.
- To encourage eco-friendly transport options to and from school.
- To promote biodiversity and outdoor learning experiences.
- To work with the wider community to support environmental projects.

Objectives

1. Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Encourage students to reduce, reuse, and recycle everyday materials (paper, plastic, cardboard, etc.).
- Provide clearly labelled bins for recycling and general waste in classrooms and common areas.

2. Energy and Water Conservation

- Teach children to turn off lights and electrical equipment when not in use.
- Encourage water-saving practices, such as using water sparingly in toilets and classrooms.
- Promote the use of energy-efficient lighting and appliances where possible.

3. Sustainable Travel

- Encourage walking, cycling, or car sharing to school as part of a "green travel" initiative.
- Promote "Walk to School Week" and other eco-friendly initiatives.
- Create safe spaces for bike parking and encourage students to use eco-friendly transport options.

4. Biodiversity and Outdoor Learning

- Develop outdoor learning spaces where students can explore nature and learn about plants, animals, and ecosystems.
- Encourage students to participate in school garden projects, planting flowers, vegetables, or trees.
- Foster an understanding of local wildlife and plant life, and the importance of biodiversity.

5. Curriculum and Awareness

- Integrate environmental education into the curriculum through lessons, activities, and projects related to sustainability, climate change, and the environment.
- Organize eco-friendly events to raise awareness.
- Involve parents and the wider school community in environmental initiatives and discussions.

6. Partnerships and Community Involvement

- Engage with local environmental organizations, businesses, and other schools to share ideas and resources.
- Encourage pupils and families to participate in local clean-up events and sustainability initiatives.

Review

This Eco Policy will be reviewed annually.