



Woodside School

Litter and Recycling Policy

** (See Appendix A March 2021)

Vision and Values




Ready – We are ready to keep our school and environment clean, to protect our environment.

Respect – We respect our school environment by tidying up after ourselves and putting litter in the bins.

Safe – We keep our school safe by making sure we do not litter and recycle what we can to reduce plastic waste.

Aims

The aims of our Litter and Recycling Policy are:

-  1. to keep everyone safe – litter is harmful to humans and animals
-  2. to keep our school clean – we want to feel proud of our school
-  3. to play a part in saving the environment – keeping our world healthy

Eco Rationale

We would like to be an Eco School so that we have a safe society and unpolluted planet for us to live on in the future. We want to make our world a better place and teach others to do the same.

Links

Global Goals

We link all our Eco Schools work to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. As we journey towards our first Green Flag, we feel we are developing the following Global Goals:



UNCRC

As a Rights Respecting School, we link all initiatives to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Through our Litter and Recycling Policy, we are ensuring we enjoy this Right:



Children's education should help them fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences. It should help them to live peacefully and protect the environment.

Responsibilities

School Staff

- 🏆 Display and discuss our Eco Code on a regular basis.
- 🏆 Identify class Eco and Energy Reps regularly.
- 🏆 Make sure litter is placed in bins, setting a good example.
- 🏆 Make sure all recyclable materials are recycled.
- 🏆 Encourage each other to recycle and not to litter.
- 🏆 Reuse paper and card whenever possible.
- 🏆 Ensure whiteboards and devices are switched off when not in use.
- 🏆 Ensure windows are closed at the end of each day.
- 🏆 Ensure blinds are closed at nights and at weekends to conserve energy.



Pupils

- Read and understand our school's Eco Code.
- Make sure litter is placed in correct bins.
- Make sure all recyclable materials are recycled.
- Be a responsible class Eco or Energy Rep.
- Encourage each other to recycle and not to litter.
- Take part in regular school and local litter picks.
- Take part in regular litter audits.
- Take pride in our school environment.



Eco Committee

- Share information confidently at Assemblies.
- Ensure the Eco Code is displayed in each room.
- Make sure litter is placed in bins.
- Make sure all recyclable materials are recycled.
- Remind and encourage each other to recycle and not to litter.
- Continue to promote the ethos of recycling and no littering.
- Audit bins and litter in playground and dinner hall.
- Organise litter picks in the school and local environment.
- Be good role models when recycling and disposing of litter.



Janitor & Cleaners

- Make sure litter is placed in bins.
- Make sure all recyclable materials are recycled.
- Encourage each other to recycle and not to litter.
- Collect recycling and dispose of it correctly.
- Ensure litter is kept under control in the playground and in the school.
- Dispose of waste correctly.
- Feedback to the Eco Committee and SLT about the amount of litter and recycled materials in school.

Parents & Carers

- Make sure litter is placed in bins.
- Make sure all recyclable materials are recycled.
- Be good role models when recycling and disposing of litter.



Visitors

- 🏠 Make sure litter is placed in bins.
- 🏠 Make sure all recyclable materials are recycled.
- 🏠 Be aware of the Eco ethos of the school.
- 🏠 Wear visitor badges that have reminders about our ethos.

Communication

As an Eco Committee, we will share by...

- 🏠 providing information at Assemblies
- 🏠 sharing posters and info on our Eco Notice Board, updating regularly.
- 🏠 emailing staff new information
- 🏠 writing newsletters
- 🏠 tweeting on our school's Eco page @WoodsideEco
- 🏠 sharing info on our school's Facebook page

How we manage Litter...

- ✓ Bins are placed in each area of classrooms, lunch halls, playgrounds, and fields.
- ✓ Bins are used responsibly by adults and children.
- ✓ Regular litter picks are organised by class teachers.
- ✓ Our cleaners empty classroom and lunch hall bins daily.
- ✓ Our janitor collects any remaining litter during the day.
- ✓ Our janitor empties the playground and small field bins regularly.



How we manage Recycling...

- ✓ Class Eco reps are responsible for ensuring class recycling is emptied on a weekly basis, with the help of a PSA.
- ✓ Each class should have a black box and/or white bag for recycling materials.
- ✓ It is the adult's responsibility to ensure pupils know what can/cannot be recycled.
- ✓ Reuse scrap paper whenever possible.
- ✓ Printing should be at a minimum, and papers always recycled, where possible.
- ✓ Recycling should be put to the large recycling bins in Clifton Road lane.
- ✓ The large recycling bins are emptied each week by ACC Refuse Collectors.

Review of Litter and Recycling Policy

We will review our school's Litter and Recycling Policy every two years.



****March 2021 – COVID-19 Restrictions – APPENDIX A**

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in schools, the following safety measures should remain:

- ❖ Classes are responsible for their own recycling.
- ❖ Classes should recycle with their own class PSA and should not collect recycling from other 'bubbles'.
- ❖ Classes should not cross 'bubbles' when accessing the large outdoor recycling bins.
- ❖ Handwashing should be undertaken regularly, according to Guidelines.
- ❖ P4 Year Group continue to act as the Eco Committee.
- ❖ Eco Committee continue to meet online and present at online Assemblies.
- ❖ Eco Committee will recycle items in shared areas on a rota basis.
- ❖ Eco Committee will litter pick regularly in school grounds on a rota basis.