



Recycling Policy - September 2016

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Reduce, Re-use and Recycle Policy

The children, staff, parents and governors of the Godmanchester Bridge Academy are committed to developing their care of the environment. The school has adopted the 3 R's (reduce, re-use and recycle) as the main focus for managing waste products and protecting the environment. This policy outlines some of the strategies currently used or proposed

The design team of the new school building worked with staff and local planners to include a number of eco-friendly features in their design and construction of the new building.

Links to the curriculum

❖ **Science**

Materials and their properties (including recycling), micro-organisms and composting

❖ **PSHE**

Pollution, care for the world, environmental issues etc. Children to lead launch of three Rs

❖ **Maths**

Graphs and charts of materials collected for recycling etc.

❖ **Art and language**

Promotion of the three Rs in school and beyond

❖ **Citizenship**

We aim to develop our links with local recycling facilities, including visits to recycling centre etc.

Recycling

❖ Paper recycling

All classrooms and main work areas have a designated box for the collection of waste paper. These boxes are emptied regularly into the main paper bins ready for collection by the City Council. Shredded paper is taken to the local RSPCA shelter.

❖ Composting

The school has two composting bins. The leftovers from children's free fruit scheme and other fruit consumed at playtimes is collected and transferred to the school composting bins.

❖ Glass recycling

Glass bottles or jars are taken to a local recycling point

Re-using

❖ Printer cartridges

These are collected and (when collected in sufficient quantity) are taken away and recycled.

❖ Mobile phones

These are collected and (when collected in sufficient quantity) are taken away and recycled.

❖ Shoe collection

Regular collections will be organised for local charities.

❖ Textiles recycling

The school will look to establish contact with a company recommended by the City's recycling officer.

Reducing

❖ Water

The rain garden will actively promote the sustainable use of water.

❖ Energy (lighting & heating)

The school has been designed to maximise the use of natural light to save energy e.g. a series of roof lights have been included. The school's heating system is effectively designed and a natural ventilation strategy has been adopted.

❖ Plastics

The school will explore ways to promote the reduction of the use of plastics. Ideas from the recycling consortium website regarding reduction of plastic waste in lunchboxes will make a useful starting point.

Our Commitment

Through our actions, we will:

- ❖ reduce the amount of rubbish we send to landfill
- ❖ increase the amount of rubbish we recycle
- ❖ collect appropriate food waste for composting.
- ❖ develop pupil and community awareness of the need to recycle through the curriculum and other school activities

Key Actions

- ❖ We will discuss via School Council environmental issues and lead initiatives within the school to raise the profile.
- ❖ We will sort our waste correctly to minimise the amount sent to landfill. (Responsibility of all pupils and staff – reviewed regularly.)
- ❖ We will reuse and repair where possible, including using both sides of the paper, before

recycling or sending to landfill. (Responsibility of all pupils and staff – reviewed regularly.)

- ❖ We will ensure that every room in the school is provided with a highly visible and convenient recycling bin for the collection of paper, newspapers, magazines and cardboard. Additional recycling bins for plastics and metals are placed in each staff room. (Reviewed at the end of each term – classroom teachers to report if repairs or replacements are needed.)
- ❖ We will run regular recycling and environmental assemblies and events to maintain knowledge and awareness amongst our pupils, staff and wider school community. (Responsibility of the School)
- ❖ We will ensure catering staff have ready access to recycling bins and are trained to dispose of food packaging appropriately, including metals, plastics, cardboard and paper (Reviewed annually – responsibility of the catering team and site manager)
- ❖ We will recycle ink cartridges, including both toner and printer cartridges through a special collection. (Conducted annually – responsibility of the office staff.)
- ❖ We recycle computer equipment and other electronic devices through a special collection programme.
- ❖ Within the economic restraints of the school, we will purchase recycled office paper and stationery

Review Process

This policy will be reviewed and revised every two years.

Policy Details

Date

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