



Eco Policy

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Introduction

Victoria Primary School is committed to educating its pupils about caring for and respecting the environment and developing responsible citizens who are able to make valuable decisions. The Eco Council at Victoria Primary School has a key role in achieving this and represent the whole school community.

Purpose of our Eco Council

At Victoria Primary School we aim to look after and care for the environment of which we are all a part. The Eco council is mainly driven by the pupils with some support from the Eco Coordinator. The Eco council consists of two pupils from each class in Key Stage 2. They are elected by their peers.

Our key aims are as follows:

- To ensure a whole school approach for caring for the environment.
- To give pupils responsibilities and promote teamwork.
- To develop an awareness of environmental issues.
- Promote environmental awareness
- To develop an awareness of global issues
- To develop a whole school approach in promoting environmental awareness that includes pupils, all staff, governors, parents and members of the local community
- To help create a shared understanding of what is needed to run a school in ways that respect and enhances the environment.
- To help develop pupils' decision making skills.
- To link environmental issues with the curriculum as well as the daily running life of the school.
- The Eco Council need to involve and inform the wider community of their actions.
- The Eco Council produce an Eco Code which is agreed with the rest of the school which reflects their aims and ethos.

Awards

The Eco Schools programme of which we are a part has three levels of awards: Bronze, Silver and the Green Flag award. There is a criteria set for each of the awards that schools need to meet in order to achieve the award. The Bronze and Silver awards are achieved through a self-assessment against the criteria set. The Green Flag Award is completed by an Eco Schools Assessor through visiting the school. Victoria Primary has achieved the Bronze and Silver award and is currently trying to achieve its 3rd Green Flag Award.

Inclusion

All pupils, regardless of race, gender, culture or disability shall have the opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of caring for their environment and developing a caring attitude. Victoria Primary School will promote equal opportunities.

Health and Safety

Health and safety issues will be considered in all activities and relate to the School's health and safety policy.

Eco CoOrdinator

The Role of the Eco Coordinator:

- To update the policy
- To participate in the Eco Schools Scheme
- To apply for the awards
- To keep staff informed of actions and new developments
- To co-ordinate focus environment weeks
- To co-ordinate / provide staff training when required
- To involve outside agencies including Sustrans
- To co-ordinate with WAU co-ordinator to ensure progression
- To promote all aspects of Fairtrade and Forest School activities
- To keep a portfolio of evidence of action areas