

## Environmental Sustainability Policy and Procedure

We support children and young people to learn about sustainable practices and foster respect and care for the living and nonliving environment.

Children and young people are able to develop positive attitudes and values about sustainable practices by exploring solutions to environmental issues, learning about the world around them and how to protect it and watching adults role model sustainable practices. Through our out of school activity settings, children and young people have opportunities to explore ideas and practices for environmental sustainability. Activities to support children and young people to understand the interdependence between people and the environment include:

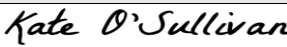

- exploring nature through art and play
- providing opportunities to experience the natural environment through natural materials like wood, stone, sand and recycled materials
- supporting the environment by learning how to grow and nurture plants in the community garden and/or allotment and discovering all about the food cycle
- help children and young people to learn about water conservation, climate change, energy efficiency and waste reduction through play based activities and adult interactions
- going on nature and river walks and learning about plants they see in the local area
- encouraging parents and children/young people to walk to the GGCA for one or more of the activity sessions or playscheme as often as they can
- encourage children, young people and their families and wider community to recycle and provide them with information relating to our climate action project where what they learn is something they can take into their home environment.
- Inform parents/carers of our swap shop for toys, school uniform, books etc and the activities available outside of the playscheme. For further information on this our contact is Ceri Williams 01443 675004

As an organisation, sustainability is embedded into all aspects of the operations including:

- recycling materials for art and creative activities and encouraging parents to bring in their recycling materials for the same use
- when children take home models from recycled materials ensuring parents recycle these materials if they do not keep them
- considering our carbon footprint when purchasing materials
- shopping local where possible
- turning off equipment and lights when not in use
- using energy saving light bulbs
- not leaving any equipment on standby
- unplugging all equipment at the end of its use/the day  using energy saving wash cycles on the washing machine.
- composting food waste
- incorporating water-wise strategies such as ensuring taps are turned off and leaks fixed
- using rain water butts for outdoor water play
- recycling water where possible to water plants outside

Working together with all our parents and partners will help our environment to be more sustainable and make it a better place for our future generations to grow up in. Our impact on the environment is assessed through our climate action project and further information can be obtained from Ceri Williams 01443 675004.

This policy was adopted on 13.10.2025 and will be reviewed on or before 13.10.2026

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