



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Sustainable Development Policy

Overview

At St Patrick's we are aware that our future is dependent upon how we care for ourselves, for each other, and for our environment here and now. Our school mission statement "Peace, love and understanding" links closely to the commitment to care identified for sustainability in schools: Care for ourselves (our health and well-being); care for others (across cultures, distances and generations); and care for the planet (both locally and globally).

Education for sustainable development is an important part of our ethos and we will ensure that is embedded in our management and our teaching, learning and curriculum. We aim to enable children and all those involved with the school to understand the practical, economic and moral value of sustainable development and its potential impact on life and the environment.

Objectives

1. To increase children's awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of sustainable development.
2. To give children opportunities to explore local and global issues relating to sustainable development within the curriculum, teaching and learning, and daily school life.
3. To ensure that wherever possible the school uses healthy, ethically sourced food and drink that supports local suppliers.
4. To ensure that the school conserves energy and water and that the importance of the development of sustainable sources of power is understood.
5. To educate children about the importance of sustainable travel.
6. To establish and develop purchasing and waste recycling models to promote sustainable development, and to encourage the whole school community to minimize waste.

Strategies

1. We will seek the views of children, parents and carers, staff, the local community and wider groups to help us set our priorities for sustainable development wherever appropriate.
2. We will use sustainable development to enrich teaching, learning and the curriculum to increase children's enthusiasm, enjoyment and motivation and to raise standards through meaningful involvement in issues connected to the real world.

3. The core themes of sustainable development will be promoted throughout the school and connected to the local, wider and global communities.
4. We will conserve energy and water and minimize waste. This will include our strategy to reduce, repair, reuse and recycle as much as possible.
5. We will encourage and support the use of healthier, less polluting and less dangerous modes of travel.
6. We will promote healthy eating and drinking, and wherever possible we will use ethically sourced food and drink that supports local producers and suppliers.
7. We will develop the design and use of our outdoor environment and to promote sustainability.
8. We will promote understanding of corporate citizenship by engaging in local projects to improve community and environmental well-being.
9. We will enrich learning experiences by engaging in activities that help us to learn about and, where relevant and possible, to improve the lives of people in other parts of the world.

Outcomes

At St Patrick's we will do all that we can to promote sustainable development. We will build it into the everyday management, curriculum, teaching, learning and life of the school.

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