

## Live Simply feedback from families

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Good morning,

Since starting school in Reception my daughter has been taught to care for the local environment through forest schools eco clubs and through respecting her planet by saving energy and disposing of batteries correctly. We are always being told to save energy at home! They have taken place in running activities to raise money for cafod and our daughter was able to explain that this was to help others around our world.

St Pat's is a school that I genuinely believe is raising our children to understand how to care for our world and communities and to create a more sustainable future.

### *How at St Patrick's we learn about and care for the environment*

Children are engaged from a very young age; they plant and grow their own vegetables which are used for snack time and within the school kitchen.

They explore the local area, learning about pollution and how this can be reduced.

Actively encouraged to walk to school rather than use transport

Engage in Eco schools and have the opportunity to attend eco club

Comprehensive geography curriculum

COP conference

Debate sessions

School council

### *How at St Patrick's we care for those in need in our local community and around the world*

food bank collections

uniform swap

fundraising for local charities – KIND etc

visits to care home (pre-covid)

church fundraising

Ukraine appeal

My daughter loves the schools ECO after school club, it's her favourite club to go to and forest school where they learn all about the environment and how to look after it, I think the school are very good at helping the community and beyond as if there is anyone or anything that needs help, they always ask for donations etc and always give to those who need it

St Patrick's learns & cares for the environment because it's learning is based on being a family and caring for everything that you have around you and taking care of everything that we have including the environment which they all live and the wider areas. St Patrick's teaches them all about the environment and what is happening around them and it's quite often a topic of conversation that children discuss. My children quite often talk about what they have learnt or tell me what's going on around them and what I like is they have ideas in making things better. St Patrick's don't just talk about the environment, but they give the children from nursery to year 6 the opportunity to be involved in growing plants and vegetables and they are able to watch over time how things grown and then the reward of being able to eat them. This leads to lots of home discussion about what they have done and how things happen in our environment. St Patrick's RE assemblies are always informative of what they have been doing in that term and as parents we can see their understanding displayed. St Patrick's also has a wonderful after school club which is firm

favourite for learning more about the environment and the links, they have with other schools in different parts of the world let's children see and learn of other environments too. St Patrick's is involved in as much as they can be in local charities and also bigger organisations. They teach the children the different ways of helping and that it doesn't always have to be money. They show the children how you can help by giving your time or by just doing the simplest of things. It's good to see that our children know what's happening not just in the world but in the local area too and that they are very much involved and part of the community.

St Patricks has a fabulous after school eco club and the children have opportunities to learn about things like sustainability and the natural environment in forest school too. You only need to look at the blossoming veg patch in nursery to see this goes through all levels of the school :)

The children at St Patricks relish opportunities to raise awareness and money for different causes. They were proud of their donation to Ukraine from the blue and yellow clothes day and they are being taught to foster a good sense of care for others who are less fortunate which is lovely to see.

My feedback on St Patricks caring for people

While covid lockdown was on and id had to shelter being vulnerable, staff came to my home with a food parcel,

On my son's birthday at the time, they came with cards for him,

Last week's food day people came together, and St Patrick's collected unused school uniform items and also casual wear from other families and put them on show for families struggling could reduce these items of clothing, and when all nationalities in the school community were together,

Looking at environment,

We have cleaned areas surrounding our school that had been messed up by less caring people but were not school grounds, and staff and parents helped, bags, tools and hours were given to help clear areas and keep children and remove dangerous item, plastics ,glass ,rubbish etc ,,,,