



Environmental and Recycling Policy

Aims

To commit to integrating environmental best practice into all of our activities and to work towards this through a programme of continuous improvement. This will be achieved by staff and students to reduce the use of natural resources and to re-use and recycle as many school resources as possible. Students to learn about environmental issues which affect the Academy and local environment.

Targets and Outcomes

- We will aim to adopt best practice and play a leading role in developing innovative solutions to environmental issues facing our community.
- We will conduct our activities in full knowledge of and compliance with environmental regulations.
- We will integrate environmental considerations and objectives into our planning and decisions.
- We will minimise consumption of natural resources and wastage of materials as far as practicable.

Roles and Responsibilities

Staff and students will be encouraged to:

- minimise the usage of paper by printing only when necessary and to print on both sides of each sheet;
- dispose of items only when they have no further use for the original or another safe and reasonable purpose;
- dispose of recyclable waste in the designated bins and sacks;
- use recycling and composting facilities available on site in designated areas that are cleared on a regular basis as required. As a minimum these facilities will include paper, printer cartridges, toner cartridges and plastics;
- make use of designated bins and sacks for recyclable materials around the building;
- be aware of energy costs and take every opportunity to switch off lights and equipment when not in use.

Staff, students, parents/carers will be encouraged to:

- establish environmental and recycling objectives;
- be committed to raising awareness of recycling and sustainable environmental practice amongst staff, students, parent/carers, our suppliers and our local community;
- encourage students (and staff) to think about how their actions affect the environment;
- carry out reviews of the Academy's recycling procedures and environmental performance.